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JOINS SHOOT!**



No-hopers England

THE rest of the football world could be forgiven for wondering whether England wants to regain its reputation for being a major soccer power.

That is the sad conclusion to be drawn from the strength of the "rag, tag, and bobtail" squad representing England at the World Youth Championship in Australia next month with respect to those selected.

Ambitious nations such as Argentina and Brazil are expected to include one or two full internationals in powerful squads for the tournament. The Argentinians have been guided by no less a man than Cesar Menotti.

England will field a team largely unknown outside the regions they come from. Ever heard of Southey

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(Tottenham), Greenhall (Blackpool), Wallace (Southampton), Webb (Reading), or Small (Luton)? Chances are you haven't, despite their potential.

England's hopes of winning the prestigious tournament virtually perished when League clubs refused to release their more established players, such as Tommy Caton.

This is the first time England have reached the Finals — and we hardly stand a chance of winning.

No one could blame England's Youth team manager John Cartwright for resigning.

He said rather pointedly "Other countries regard youth games as important preparation for senior international teams of the future, but I am not sure if that is our attitude."

The writing is on the wall for English football at international level if we continue to put club before country.

South Africa discovered that to their cost at cricket. Years and years of explosion from the Test Match circuit because of their apartheid policy has been a tragedy for players who would have become household names all over the world. They never fulfilled their potential.

Is it really more important for Tommy Caton to play for Manchester City than for England's Youth team in Australia? Caton's skills, and those of other established League players born after August 1st, 1961 were needed for a duty lasting only three weeks.

Unfortunately League clubs adopted their customary selfish, head in the sand attitude.

John Cartwright has worked against almost impossible odds to create a youth system.

Sadly, his is a voice in the wilderness.

EXCLUSIVE

TREVOR Francis signs for Manchester City. John Bond signs for SHOOT! I don't need to tell readers that this is the most exciting time of my managerial career.

I have been linked with just about every striker in Britain this season in my quest to build the best team in the First Division.

Justin Fashanu, the player I helped steer to the big time, Andy Gray, Joe Jordan, Frank Stapleton ... you name them, I'm supposed to have wanted them all at Manchester City.

I'll confess that some of the reports were accurate, others misguided as newspapermen tried to anticipate my moves in strengthening a squad that was good enough to reach last season's F.A. Cup Final but had no hope of challenging for the First Division crown in 1981-82.

In the end I captured the thrilling goalscoring services of Trevor Francis from Nottingham Forest, the second time he had been sold for £1 million.

And I'll tell you this for nothing, as good as the other strikers are — I've got the best of the lot.

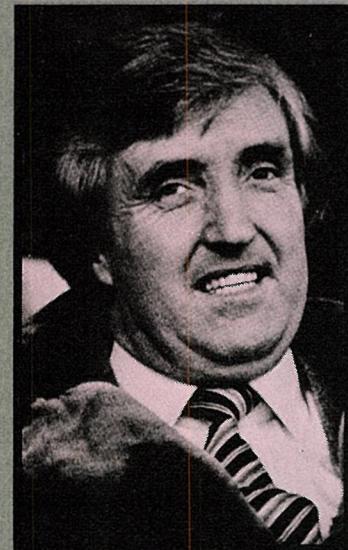
It has always been my dream to sign a great player. Great player? I've captured the Rolls-Royce of British strikers.

I'm not alone in worshipping the ground Francis treads, either. His



Francis (above) in his early days at Birmingham City, and going close for England against Rumania (right).

JOHN



BOND

SHOOT's big-name signing, launches the first of a regular series of columns with an outspoken promise to England and Manchester City fans . . .

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sensational two-goal burst for City against highly efficient Stoke in his debut game at the Victoria Ground earned him a ten out of ten star rating in one popular Sunday paper the following day.

Stoke's manager Richie Barker felt compelled to talk about my team after our 3-1 win when he said: "Trevor was the difference between the two sides."

Trevor's opening goal was a beauty, a tribute to his lightning pace and killing finish.



Now let me tell you something about Trevor that might surprise a few people. I do not believe he is a world class player.

The phrase "world class" is used too loosely in my opinion. Pele was world class. Beckenbauer was world class. Tostao was world class. Banks was world class. Bobby Charlton was also world class.

Trevor will be world class, but that title has eluded him so far in his illustrious career with Birmingham City, Detroit Express and Nottingham Forest before I brought him to Maine Road.

'Lethal'

My reason for not giving him the ultimate honour is that Trevor has not yet become a great team player. A marvellous individual player, razor sharp and lethal in the box, but still short on that all-round talent necessary to be described as world class.

My job is to help Trevor become as outstanding in that department as he is as a striker.

At 27, we have not seen the best of Trevor, either at League level or in an England shirt.

I am absolutely delighted to have an opportunity to work with



A contented John Bond after finalising the Francis deal.

the man. And I think he'll be happy with Manchester City and with me. The reason for that is my style of management might be vastly different from Ron Greenwood's, but when it comes to tactics and match planning, Ron and I share the same ideas.

I'm confident that any progress Trevor makes at City will be of great benefit to his England career. He should have won more caps than he has, and in playing him as an out and out striker, we should see the best of him.

What should a manager expect from a £1 million striker? It's a

question I'm often asked. I expect a return from Trevor of between 15-20 goals a season. Two in his first League game is a marvellous start.

I am utterly confident that he will give Manchester City the effort another striker gave me earlier in my career. I'm referring to Ted MacDougall, who scored 103 goals in 146 League appearances for me at Bournemouth, and got 51 in 112 League games when I signed him for Norwich.

Trevor's crippling Achilles tendon injury, which sidelined him for so long at Forest, threatened to blunt the lightning pace of his dashes past defenders. I'm pleased to report he's as quick as ever.

He reminds me of Denis Law in the quicksilver way he can make and score goals from nothing.

I'm not at all frightened by the £1 million spent, even though the most I had splashed out as a manager before was the £275,000 I paid Coventry for Bobby McDonald.

You've got to think big when you run a big club like City. You might think that Trevor Francis has seen all there is to see in football. I can reveal that he is delighted to be joining a club as big as Manchester City. Birmingham, Forest, Detroit... none of them have the big club pedigree of City.

And mark my words, the best of Trevor is still to come for City and England.

I have been most anxious in all the excitement to reassure Phil Boyer that he still features heavily in my plans at City. At this stage I cannot say how it will work out, but the strike partnership he had with Kevin Reeves was developing well before Phil's serious injury last season.

The transfer of my son Kevin to City worried me a little. I thought the family link would give him added problems but all the interest in Francis diverted the pressure from him.

Pleased

I had nothing to do with the financial side of the deal with Seattle Sounders, leaving the negotiations to my assistant John Benson, and Kevin said how pleased he was to have arrived at City at the same time as Francis.

There are no family sentiments in this deal. Kevin is a good player with two marvellous feet and a competitive instinct which wins the ball when he goes into tackle. He is a tremendous user of the ball, and I'm confident he'll hit our front-runners with ease.

Our priorities at Manchester City this season are to finish as high in the First Division as possible. If we do well in the Cups, that's a bonus.

But first and foremost, we're chasing the Championship.

With Trevor Francis in the team, anything is possible.

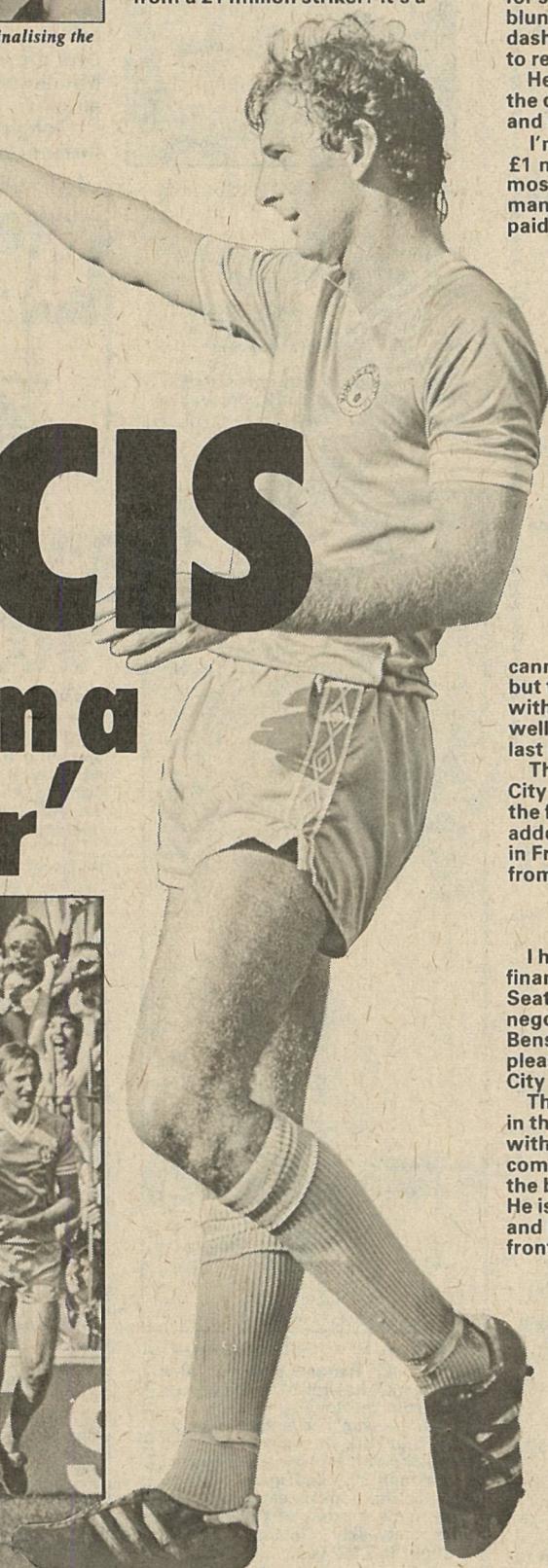
I'm writing my second column for SHOOT in three weeks time. I'll have something special to tell you in that issue.

FRANCIS

'I'll make him a world beater'



The former Forest star (above, second right) is mobbed after scoring on his debut for City against Stoke.



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Peter Stewart
EDITOR

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General Neill

A BORN LEADER. That's Arsenal manager Terry Neill.

Captain of Arsenal and Northern Ireland at 20, and player-boss of Hull City and Ireland by the time he was 30, the Highbury supremo also skippered his country at Youth and Under-23 level. He's also had the rare distinction of managing North London arch-rivals Tottenham and Arsenal, and is the only Ulsterman to lead an F.A. Cup-winning side to glory at Wembley.

Now Terry aims to guide The Gunners to even greater fame and fortune, at home and abroad.

Oxford book B&B

BECAUSE of Oxford's financial situation (£200,000 in debt, and losing £2,000 weekly) they won't be staying in hotels this season.

But that doesn't mean they won't be travelling overnight. United boss Ian Greaves has come up with a solution.

His players — and directors alike — will stay in boarding houses!

"The players had the choice. Travel 200 miles on the day of the game, or stay in a B & B," said Greaves.

"At first the lads laughed, but they understand the situation and have accepted it."

'SHUT YOUR MOUTH, CLOUGH'

says
Boro boss

MIDDLESBROUGH want Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough to face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

Clough has been reported to the Football Association after criticism in a newspaper article over the transfers of Middlesbrough players in recent months.

Clough questioned whether his former club had fought hard

enough to hold on to their stars.

Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer pulled no punches over his reply. "Clough should mind his own business. He should concentrate on his full-time job with Nottingham Forest and keep his nose out of the affairs of other clubs," he rapped.

Mr. Amer said Clough was not aware of the full facts and half-truths are damaging. "Half-truths create a lot of problems and can inflame fans on the terraces. I have kept quiet for too long."

The millionaire chairman revealed what had gone on behind the scenes to counter criticisms over the transfer of Craig Johnston to Liverpool, Mark Proctor (below) to Nottingham Forest, and David Armstrong to Southampton.

Mr. Amer had his own ideas over the criticism by Clough, who was born in Middlesbrough, and established a goalscoring reputation with his local club.

"Clough is furious because he lost out on Craig Johnston. I conducted that deal on a chairman-to-chairman basis because Liverpool were the first to declare their interest," he said.

"I kept my word with Liverpool — and informed the previous manager of every move. I did not know at the time that John Neal and Clough were involved in secret negotiations.

"Football is going through a critical period and everyone should pull together. We can do without the sniping of Brian Clough."

Mr. Amer also revealed that Forest had been reported to the Football League, in May, for an illegal approach over Mark Proctor. The England Under-21 international later signed a four-year contract with Forest.



IT didn't take long for Alan Durban to assess his playing staff at Sunderland.

Even before the season began, the new Roker boss decided that only half a dozen of them came up to standard.

He is willing to listen to offers for the rest, but is greatly encouraged by Sunderland's start.



ARTHUR'S A 'ROCK'

MANCHESTER UNITED'S new manager Ron Atkinson, who's becoming best known for his flamboyant spending in the transfer market, has admitted that it's a player who cost nothing who's been The Reds best player in their rather disappointing opening matches.

"Little Arthur Albiston has been magic at full-back," says Atkinson. "When I came to United I thought the full-back position was a little weak . . . but I've been pleasantly surprised by Arthur. He's been rock solid so far this season and I'm really pleased with him."

VERETAN Ipswich centre-half Allan Hunter recently gained his full FA coaching badge.

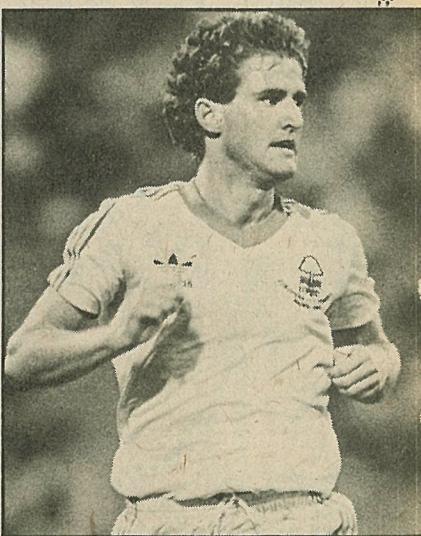
Hunter, who won 53 caps for Northern Ireland during his first team days at Portman Road, wants to stay in the game as a coach.

Ipswich have signed him on a one-year contract and manager Bobby Robson says: "We'll be looking for Allan to help us in more ways than one."

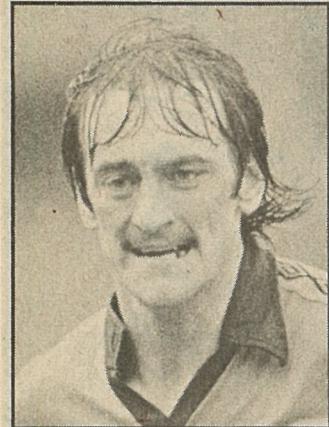
"Those who play alongside him in the reserves will benefit enormously from his vast experience, just as lads like Russell Osman, Terry Butcher and Kevin Steggles have in the past."

"And now that he's a qualified coach we'll be able to use his ability. Apart from helping the club it will be good experience for him in the future."

Hunter (35) celebrated a well-earned testimonial last season but his match had to be held over because of Ipswich's many commitments.



ANGRY HIBBITT SLAMS FANS



WOLVES midfield operator Ken Hibbett has blasted the Molineux club supporters.

Hibbett raged: "Before we had even kicked off people were having a go with letters in local papers saying it was time to get rid of the older players, of which I am one.

"It's nothing new of course for the old 'uns to get stuck. But this season the team faces a tough test with so many youngsters coming through.

"The test comes now and until they get First Division experience under their belts the older players have to take on more responsibility.

"You cannot replace experience and the players who have been around will have an important part to play in the development of the younger lads.

"I have always felt that by the time a player reaches 30 he has learned the game and is stronger. It's foolhardy to write us off...

"I defy the fans to look at the present Wolves squad, pick a team from it and not include two or three of what are known as the older players.

"It hurts me when I read these comments and it hurts my family. Some fans keep reflecting on the glory years of the 50's but it is silly to live in the past.

"I appeal to the fans to judge the older players on the job they are trying to achieve."

SEXTON'S OTHER JOB

COVENTRY CITY manager Dave Sexton is in charge of the successful England Under-21 team... yet doesn't pick the players for the squad.

He explains: "Although, technically, the boss, I don't have to scout around the country for players. Ron Green-

ALAN WEST'S summer move from Luton to Millwall has re-established a couple of old friendships and revived the possibility of reforming a once-powerful midfield.

West joins an old pal or two at The Den — he was a great mate of The Lions' current boss Peter Anderson when they were together in Luton's midfield in the early 1970's.

And he is also, like Anderson, an old pal of another Millwall summer signing, former Luton favourite Alan Slough.

The three have played together before and their qualities could produce a fine midfield — only lacking in youth and pace...

But West, at 29, still has a lot to offer. Former boss Luton manager David Pleat said: "As far as I'm concerned Alan is an absolutely wonderful clubman and our loss is Millwall's gain.

"He is the best professional I have had the pleasure of working with."

'NO MORE TROUBLE' vows Withe



PETER WITHE vowed to keep a firm grip on his feelings this season and steer clear of trouble with referees.

Yet he was booked when Villa met Spurs at Wembley in the Charity Shield game.

But the big striker, who broke into the England team at the end of such a successful campaign last season, insists he will not be booked for dissent this term.

He says: "I assume I was booked at Wembley for a tackle. Even though I was disappointed it was just one of those things.

"What does concern me is that last season I had my name taken four or five times because of dissent.

"If I can avoid those sort of bookings I should be able to go right through the season without being banned.

"It's stupid being booked for dissent and I am definitely going to try and do something about it."

Withe missed five matches last season, three when he was banned and two when he was injured. Villa dropped six points in those five matches and lost to Middlesbrough, Brighton and Spurs.

The big striker makes no bones about how serious that could have been when he says: "It could have been the difference between winning the title and coming second."

"No disrespect to Dave Geddis, who did such a good job when he stood in, but I am looked on as one of the senior professionals and I should have been there to give my encouragement and play my part."

wood does that and leaves it to me to choose the side on the night from his squad.

"It means I can concentrate on my job at Coventry. The Under-21 role takes me away for around three days a week four or five times a season, but this isn't too bad.

"Under-21 games are arranged in the same weeks as full internationals, so clubs lose a lot of players anyway.

"When I was at Manchester United and the Home Countries were playing we'd have few players left, so the usual routine is interrupted.

"I can see the same happening at Coventry."

Barrow failed because the Cumbrian club won't release him from his contract, which has a year to run.

Pearson, a Scottish under-23 international whose full-time career was ended by a knee injury, was keen to join Gateshead because he would have become involved in coaching.

Willie's ambition

JOHN GREIG has signed a new three-year contract with Rangers.

The club chairman, Rae Simpson, says: "As a token of our appreciation for what John has done as manager, and is still doing, we feel such a gesture of faith is only proper.

"We're delighted John accepted the contract and I hope it will end the almost inevitable speculation which seems to surround managers."

Greig's number one priority this season, of course, is the Premier Division title and one player perhaps more than any other who is keen to win a Championship medal is winger Willie Johnston.

'Bud' has won every domestic honour except a Championship medal — he even helped Rangers win the Cup-Winners' Cup and Vancouver win the NASL Soccer Bowl.



Johnston says: "My playing days are drawing to an end and I'd love to complete my collection.

"We must pick up more points away from home against the less fashionable sides. Strangely, this seems to have been one of our failings, even in my first spell here.

"The boss has hammered it home that we get no more for beating the big teams than the strugglers. I hope this is the spur we need to win the title."

Briefly

Willie MacFarlane, former manager of Meadowbank Thistle, is now the Scottish agent for Hong Kong Rangers.

It's testimonial time for long-serving Glentoran full-back and captain Rab McCreery.

Now in his 12th campaign at The Oval, one-club-man Rab's loyalty to his beloved Glens is being rewarded with a well-earned and potentially lucrative benefit, this term.

Hibs new boy Bobby Flavell is one of football's happy wanderers.

The 25-year-old defender, who cost £40,000 from Swedish club Vaster Haminge, is certainly not short on experience.

Although he only had eight months in Sweden after his transfer from Barnsley, he was also with Halifax and Chesterfield after travelling south of the border as a schoolboy to join Burnley.

STARTING next Monday (September 21st), West Ham and England star Trevor Brooking ends Thames Television programmes for the day with a two minute chat about all aspects of football.

The ever popular Trevor will make a welcome change from the usual Epilogue.

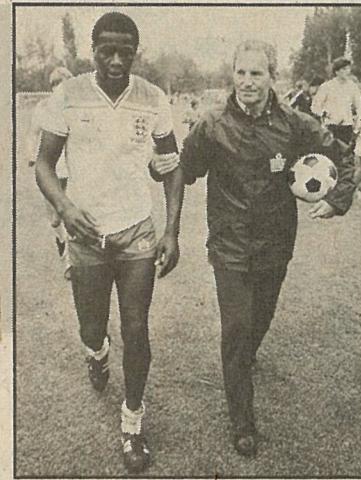
Can Exeter City make it another 'first'? In recent seasons, the changing face of football has taken Shrewsbury and Wrexham into the Second Division for the first time in their histories: Brighton and now Swansea City have broken new ground in the First Division.

"We have never been beyond the Third Division since we entered the League 51 years ago. Now we must have probably our best ever chance," says progressive manager Brian Godfrey.

Matt McPhee has signed for Meadowbank Thistle after 14 years and over 500 League appearances for Stirling Albion.

What are the chances of Athlone Town retaining their League of Ireland title this season? Well if recent seasons are any guide to go by then it looks unlikely. Not since Waterford's two-in-a-row in 1971-72 and '72-73 has any club retained the League pennant.

Shamrock Rovers, Eire's best known club, are to install floodlights. Milltown should be lit up before the end of the year.



Sexton leaves the field with Under-21 striker Justin Fashanu after their win in Hungary.

AMBITION Gateshead have failed in a bid to complete a Newcastle United treble.

The Northern Premier League club already have former St James' Park favourites John Tudor and Terry Hibbett in their line-up.

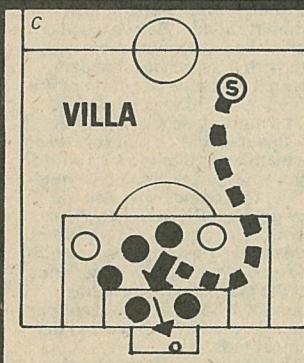
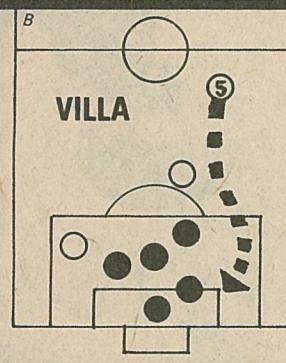
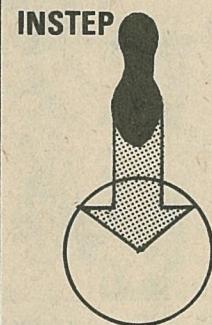
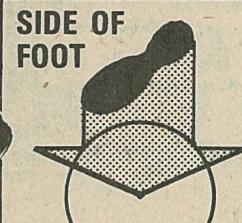
But a bid to land Jim Pearson from

GILLETTE GOALS OF THE CENTURY

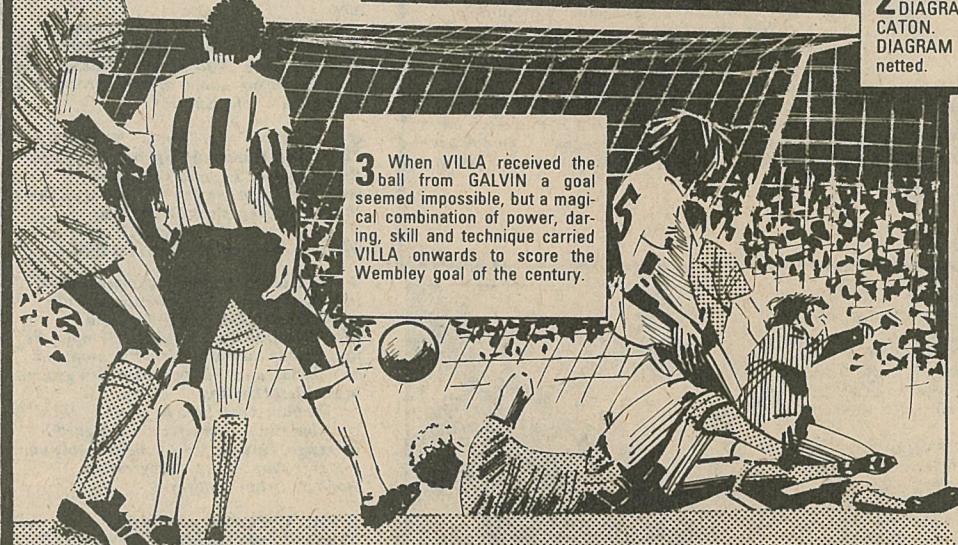


1 The replay of the 100th F.A. Cup Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City produced the greatest solo goal ever seen at Wembley.

The score was 2-2 with the game swinging violently one way then the other when Tottenham's GALVIN received a pass out of defence. Evading a GOW tackle GALVIN set off down the left where his path was barred by City's REID. GALVIN checked then knocked the ball to VILLA who accelerated towards the City box, controlling the ball with his instep — a technique more difficult than controlling with the inside of the foot, the area of contact with the ball being much smaller, but it has the added advantage of allowing a more natural running position.

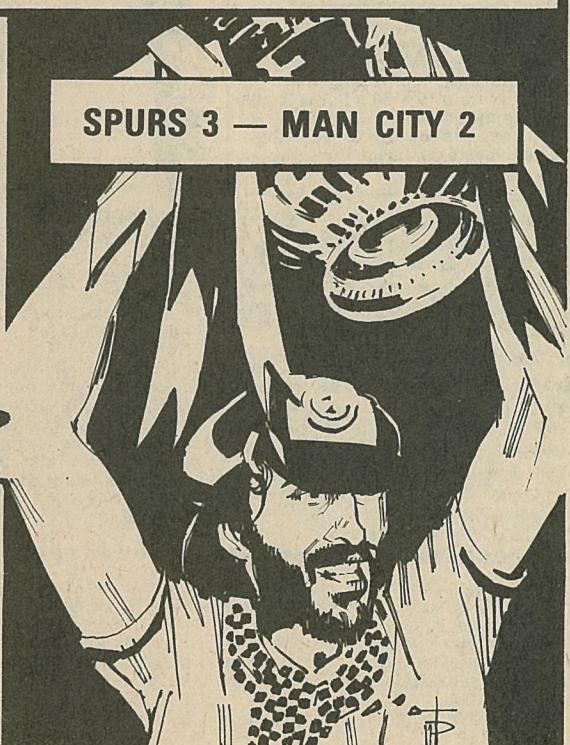


2 DIAGRAM A — Surging forward, VILLA was soon at the City penalty box.
DIAGRAM B — Darting to his left, VILLA evaded City defenders RASON and CATON.
DIAGRAM C — Suddenly VILLA turned back inside, dodged three tackles and netted.



3 When VILLA received the ball from GALVIN a goal seemed impossible, but a magical combination of power, daring, skill and technique carried VILLA onwards to score the Wembley goal of the century.

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PACE reigns at Southampton. Saints' young midfielder Steve Williams, almost certain to leave the club at one stage early in the summer, has pledged his future to manager Lawrie McMenemy and the UEFA Cup entrants.

That news will come as an enormous relief to both McMenemy and his other players. Saints' fans, too, will be pleased, for Williams remains one of the most talented and attractive young midfield players anywhere in the country.

It took some climbing down on the part of both Williams and his manager to settle differences which had seemed certain to send the player to another club. Williams explained: "A lot of the trouble was over a passport.

"I didn't have mine when the club were due to go on a tour match in Malaysia and the boss was upset. But I had a genuine reason and I stood by my principles.

"If I had been in the wrong, I would have admitted it. But I had sent off my passport for visas for a holiday in America.

"I was getting married and wanted to make sure there was no problem with the honeymoon. But the

Dell. And Williams' plans for the future? "Now, I just want to improve my game, concentrate on my football and try to break into the full England squad. That has to be my next big ambition, as well as helping Saints have a good season.

"Last season, we aimed for a place in Europe and got it. This time, we want more success and I'll be playing my part in trying to bring that about."

A settled, contented Steve Williams will be good news — not only for McMenemy as he plots Saints' next target, but also possibly Ron Greenwood. The England boss is known to have Williams very much in his mind for the future. All Williams has to do is prove his quality and consistency and England honours must surely follow.

Being settled at The Dell after so many problems can only help Steve Williams achieve that ambition of playing for England.

WILLIAMS' PASSPORT TO HAPPINESS

passport got held up in the Civil Service dispute and I still didn't have it when the Malaysian tour game came up."

Williams was transfer listed over that flare-up between McMenemy and his young player. The uncertainty which followed was inevitable.

McMenemy's anticipated move to Manchester United filled the newspaper headlines — and several clubs' involvement in the Steve Williams transfer situation seemed to indicate that both would leave.

Yet, as it has turned out, neither has gone. And, happily for both parties, there has been a healing of old wounds.

"I am not unreasonable — I want to say that," says Williams. "I am no more difficult to handle than anyone. But I felt I had a good reason to stick to my guns at the time."

Clash

But Williams dismisses suggestions that the apparent personality clash with manager McMenemy could flare up once more. "I have no dispute with the boss — I respect the man too much to create problems. I can talk to him about any problems and I respect him enormously for that."

"I never wanted to leave Southampton, either. I have always been happy here. The club has got a great future and I want to be part of it. Southampton Football Club means so much to me, and always will do."

So, happily for all parties concerned, harmony reigns at The

Steve Williams has made his peace with Saints manager Lawrie McMenemy.



L.M.



Paul Mariner scores for Ipswich against Spurs.

POINTS+CA£H will pep soccer's hot-shots

WE'VE seen the first teams winning three points in one game; the first League game played on artificial turf; and the first Football League match watched by an all-seated crowd.

Season 1981/82 will also see the first lipsmacking goal awards thanks to Pepsi-Cola's Golden Goals scheme.

Pepsi will be pouring thousands of pounds into soccer in an effort to encourage more goals and if this, with the extra League points available, actually helps to produce more goals, soccer's administrators will deserve a pat on the back.

The Pepsi scheme is simple enough. It is:

- **One point per goal (home matches)**
- **Two points per goal (away matches)**
- **Three points bonus for three or more goals scored home or away in any League match.**

The club in each of the four Divisions topping the Pepsi Goals Table at the end of the season will collect £5,000. There's also a £1,000 prize for the top League goalscorer in each Division — and any player scoring 35 goals will receive an extra £5,000.

Pepsi's cash seems fairly safe here as the last player to score 35 League goals in a season was Dixie McNeill with Hereford in 1975/76.



Pepsi will be putting around £500,000 into the game during the next three years.

There's also £1,000 for the top team in each Division based on each team's performance in the calendar month. The prize will be divided between the team in question and a charity of its choice. The first award will be a combined August/September one.

The only drawback is that there is no way of specifying who actually scores a goal. The referee is concerned only with the number of goals scored, not who scored them.

Football League secretary Graham Kelly says: "The League will become the sole arbiter on deflected goals or own-goals. We shall try to have someone at every game."

"Commonsense should prevail in any areas of doubt. I don't foresee any real problems."

Listed on the right are how last season's Pepsi tables would have looked. They show that the teams who finished near the top of the League didn't necessarily score the most goals . . . or that the sides who struggled could still entertain.



Geoff Pike (left) rounds Preston 'keeper Roy Tunks to net another goal for last season's Second Division Champions West Ham. Alan Birch (above, number 7, now Wolves) is on the mark for Chesterfield. Fourth Division Champions Southend celebrate another promotion-clinching goal.



DIVISION I

Team	Home Goals	Away Goals	Bonus Points	Total	League Position
Ipswich	45	64	36	145	(2)
Southampton	47	58	36	141	(6)
Aston Villa	40	64	30	134	(1)
Spurs	44	52	24	120	(10)
Liverpool	38	48	24	110	(5)
Nottm. Forest	44	36	27	107	(7)
Everton	32	50	24	106	(15)
W.B.A.	41	40	24	105	(4)
Man. City	33	42	24	99	(12)
Arsenal	36	50	9	95	(3)
Brighton	30	48	15	93	(19)
Sunderland	32	40	18	90	(17)
Man. Utd.	30	42	15	87	(8)
Coventry	31	34	21	86	(16)
Stoke	31	40	12	83	(11)
Birmingham	32	36	12	80	(13)
M'boro	38	30	12	80	(14)
C. Palace	32	30	15	77	(22)
Norwich	34	30	9	73	(20)
Wolves	26	34	12	72	(18)
Leeds	20	38	9	67	(9)
Leicester	20	38	6	64	(21)

DIVISION II

Team	Home Goals	Away Goals	Bonus Points	Total	League Position
West Ham	53	52	33	138	(1)
Swansea	39	50	30	119	(3)
Luton	35	52	27	114	(5)
Q.P.R.	36	40	27	103	(8)
Bolton	40	42	21	103	(18)
Derby	34	46	18	98	(6)
Cambridge	36	34	21	91	(13)
Sheff. Wed.	38	30	21	89	(10)
Chelsea	27	38	21	86	(12)
Orient	34	34	12	80	(17)
Wrexham	22	42	15	79	(16)
Watford	34	32	12	78	(9)
Notts. Co.	26	46	6	78	(2)
Grimsby	21	46	9	76	(7)
Cardiff	23	42	9	74	(19)
Shrewsbury	33	26	12	71	(14)
Preston	28	26	12	66	(20)
Blackburn	28	28	9	65	(4)
Oldham	19	40	3	62	(15)
Bristol R.	21	26	9	56	(22)
Bristol C.	18	20	9	47	(21)
Newcastle	22	16	6	44	(11)

DIVISION 3

Team	Home Goals	Away Goals	Bonus Points	Total	League Position
Chesterfield	42	56	33	131	(5)
Barnsley	44	52	27	123	(2)
Huddersfield	40	62	21	123	(4)
Newport	38	52	24	114	(12)
Charlton	36	54	21	111	(3)
Sheff. Utd.	38	48	24	110	(21)
Exeter	36	52	21	109	(11)
Burnley	37	46	24	107	(8)
Reading	39	46	21	106	(10)
Rotherham	43	38	21	102	(1)
Fulham	28	60	12	100	(13)
Plymouth	35	42	21	98	(7)
Walsall	43	32	21	96	(20)
Carlisle	32	46	18	96	(19)
Brentford	30	44	18	92	(9)
Swindon	35	32	24	91	(17)
Portsmouth	35	40	15	90	(6)
Gillingham	23	50	15	88	(15)
Blackpool	19	52	6	77	(23)
Millwall	30	26	15	71	(16)
Hull	23	34	12	69	(24)
Colchester	35	18	12	65	(22)
Oxford	20	38	6	64	(14)
Chester	25	26	12	63	(18)

DIVISION 4

Team	Home Goals	Away Goals	Bonus Points	Total	League Position
Southend	47	64	33	144	(1)
P'borough	37	62	27	126	(5)
Bury	38	62	24	124	(12)
Wimbledon	44	42	30	116	(4)
Northampton	42	46	27	115	(10)
Darlington	43	44	21	108	(8)
Hartlepool	42	44	21	107	(9)
Lincoln	44	44	18	106	(2)
Rochdale	33	54	15	102	(15)
Tranmere	41	36	24	101	(21)
Doncaster	36	46	18	100	(3)
Scunthorpe	40	40	18	98	(16)
Port Vale	40	34	21	95	(19)
Wigan	29	44	21	94	(11)
Mansfield	36	42	15	93	(7)
Bradford C.	30	46	12	88	(14)
Torquay	38	36	12	86	(17)
Crewe	28	40	15	83	(18)
Bournemouth	31	34	12	77	(13)
York	31	32	12	75	(24)
Aldershot	28	30	9	67	(6)
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Stockport	29	30	6	65	(20)
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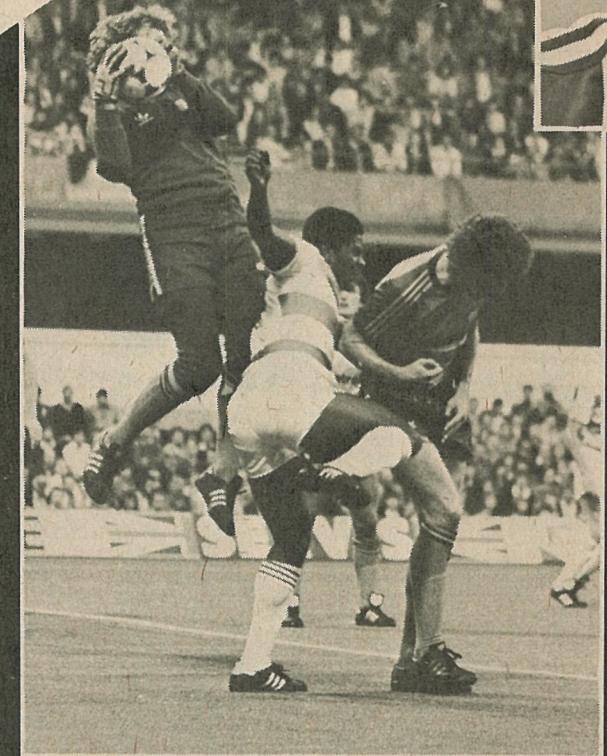


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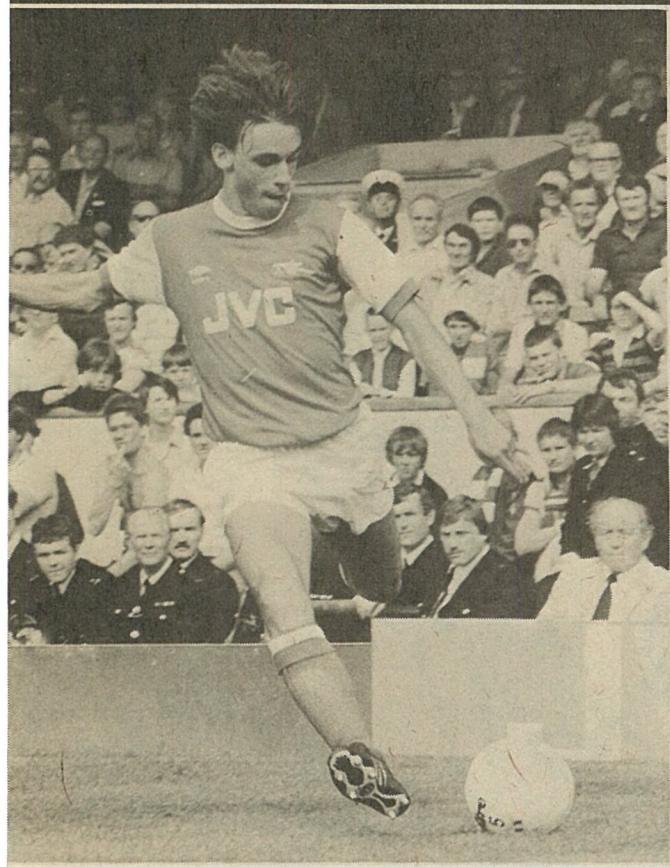
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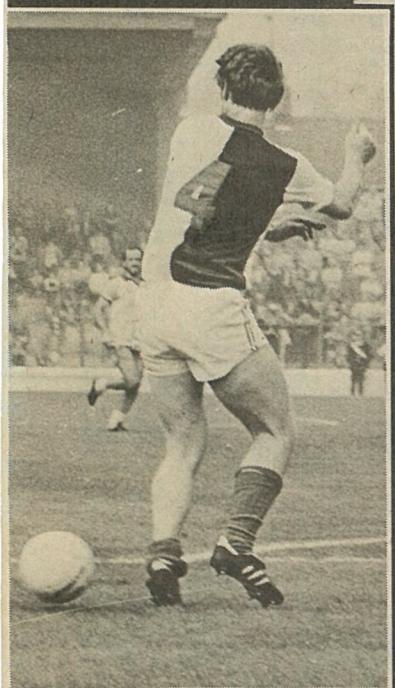
LEFT . . . Eyes on the ball — Nick Holmes of Southampton (right) and Forest's Peter Ward.
RIGHT . . . Sheffield Wednesday's Terry Curran gets in a shot against Blackburn.





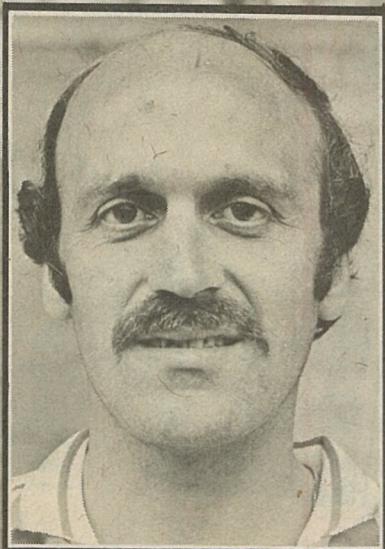
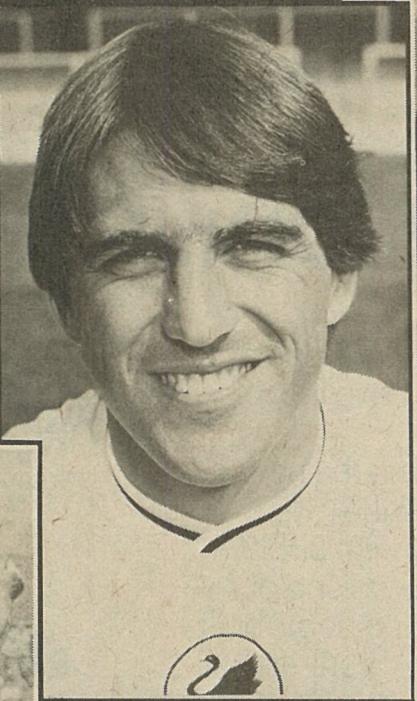
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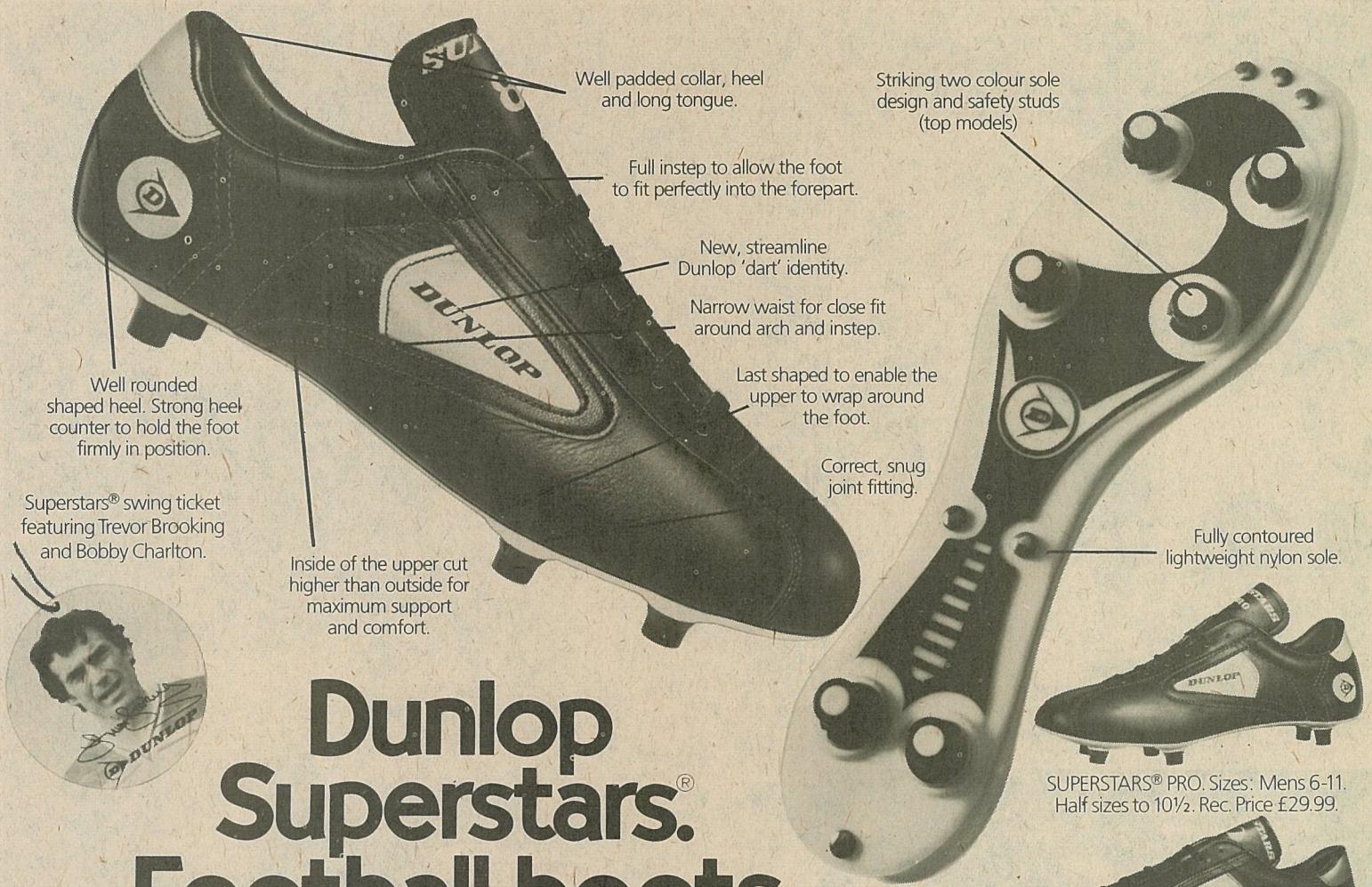
RIGHT . . . Bob Latchford's hat-trick helped Swansea to their shock 5-1 win over Leeds.



RIGHT . . . Ipswich's Steve McCall and the leaping Terry Butcher combine to thwart Rob Hindmarch of Sunderland.

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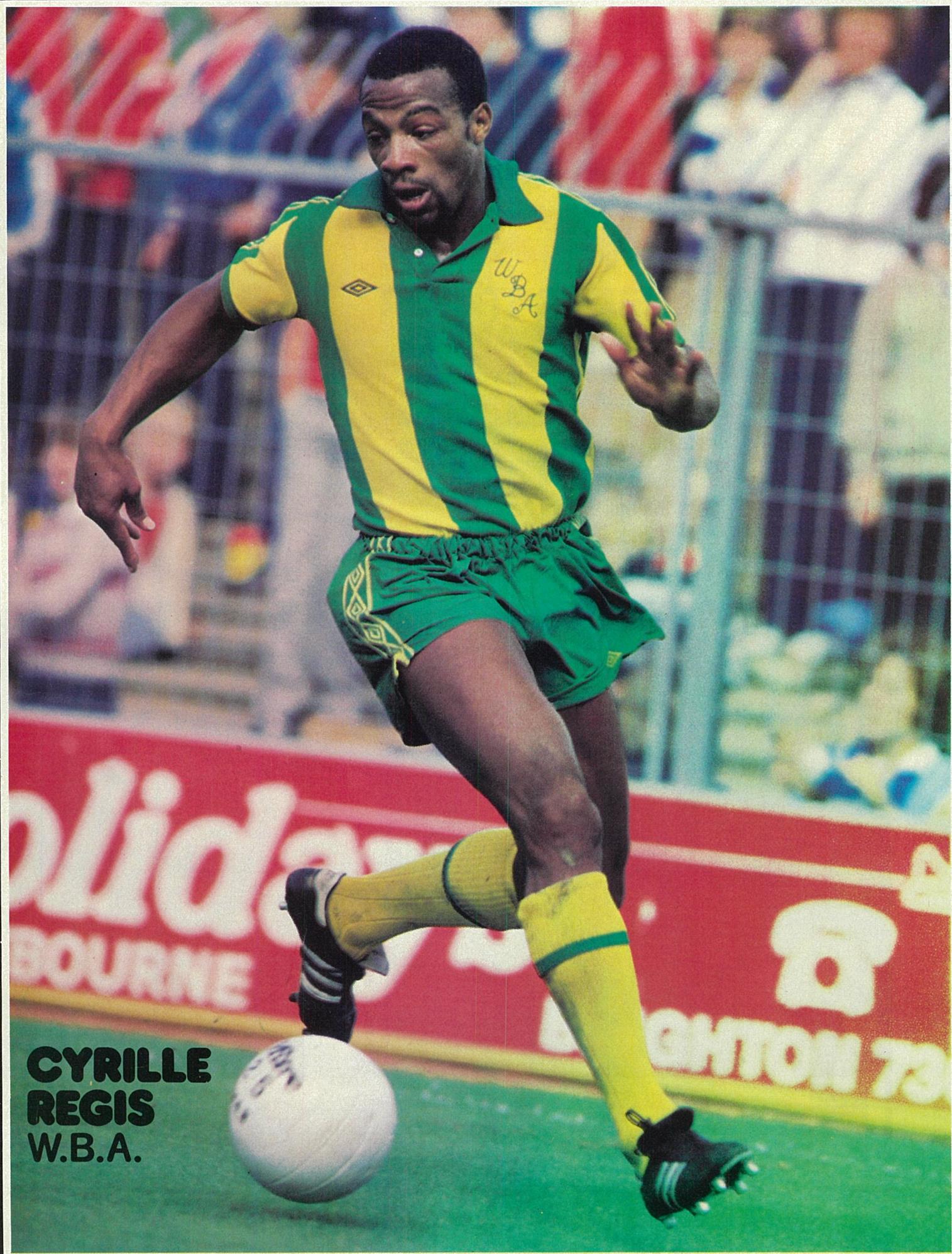
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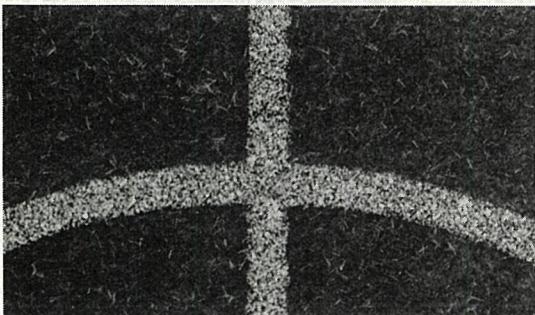
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

If Alan Mullery performs the miracles for Charlton he achieved in steering Brighton from the Third Division to the First, fans will be rejoicing at Happy Valley before much longer.

Mullery, one of football's most enthusiastic managers, faces the same daunting task at Charlton that he found on arrival at Brighton. Bags of ambition, not much money

Typically, Mullery, the former Tottenham, Fulham and England international player, tore into the job, accepting the problems and working hard to restore the good times to Charlton.

He needed experience in the squad, so he moved swiftly for the old Welsh warhorse Leighton Phillips, of Swansea. John Phillips, tried and trusted Goalkeeper, joined from Brighton, and Don McAllister, fiercely competitive and brave, came from Spurs.

Mullery was hopeful they would blend happily with Charlton's other experienced campaigners, notably Terry Naylor, Phil

Walker, and Derek Hales. Youth has not been forgotten either. Striker Billy Lansdowne arrived on a "free" from West Ham; and Phil Ferns was drafted in from Bournemouth.

There was little sign that Hales and Paul Walsh would recapture their goalscoring form of last season in the first League game against Luton — Charlton lost 3-0 — but Mullery needs time to shuffle the pack. Two new all-seat stands, bumper season ticket sales, an ambitious board and a buoyant Mullery — Charlton have reason to be confident of making progress.



BACK ROW (left to right): Charlie Hall (physio), Martin Robinson, Steve Gritt, Colin Powell, Les Berry, John Phillips, Nicky Johns, Peter Shaw, Billy Lansdowne, Lawrie Madden, Phil Ferns, Ken Craggs (assis. manager).

FRONT ROW: Kevin Smith, Paul Walsh, Derek Hales, Leighton Phillips, Alan Mullery (manager), Terry Naylor, Don McAllister, Phil Walker, Steve Harrison.

WENT, with my Celtic colleagues, to see the Scottish premiere of the film 'Escape to Victory' in Glasgow.

Unfortunately the title didn't describe our efforts in the qualifying stages of the League Cup where we lost the first two games and despite following up with four wins and plenty of goals, failed to make the last eight.

I think I know why we didn't make it, but these are reasons, not excuses.

The League Cup came a little too early for us after our European and American jaunt. We paid the price and in four days The Saints refused to look kindly upon us.

First of all St Mirren beat us 3-1 at Parkhead in a match which turned into a personal nightmare for Willie Garner in his competitive debut with two own-goals.

But really — and I know this sounds ridiculous to anyone who wasn't at the game — we were all over them and should have won easily.

Then, just four days later we lost to The Saints again, St Johnstone this time, by 2-0 at Muirton.

Most of the damage was done by young Ally McCoist, later the subject of a £400,000 transfer to Sunderland.

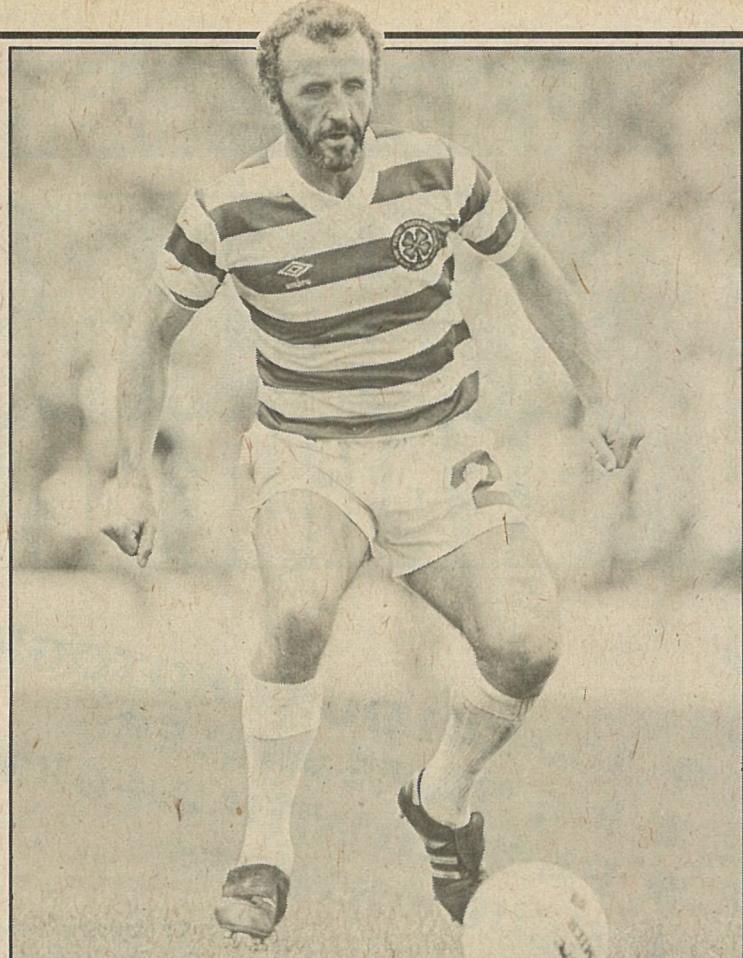
But there will be no hiding place for Ally down South. By that I mean that while I was very impressed by him at Muirton, he wasn't in the return match at Parkhead.

Ally learned his game in the Scotland youth team and is a pal of Davie Moyes in that side. Davie in fact skippered the boys.

Now he has broken through to the Celtic first team at centre-half in the wake of Willie Garner's personal nightmare, yet another product of Billy McNeill's youth policy which a sportswriter pal of mine described as being "better than that of Mothercare."

Davie is a fine young player with an incredible enthusiasm for the game and a superb talent in the air and I think he will learn quickly.

I find it incredible to realise that



the writing was on the wall, but we battled all the way nevertheless.

This is the first time that Celtic have been out of the final stages of that tournament in 18 years although I hope that no one will take offence if I say I think the

Quarter-Finals were a joke.

What was the point of having only four big name clubs in the last eight and then having them drawn directly against inferior opposition.

Sure the qualifying games were great. How could they possibly be anything else with three Premier Division teams and one crack First Division outfit in our section?

But with only one going through it turned the Quarters into a farce.

I think it will all have to be changed for next season.

Lucky

Having said all of that, the League Cup certainly isn't my lucky tournament, for I have played in five Finals and won only once!

Now it is all about making up for it in the League, Scottish Cup and European Cup where we can use some of that Davie Moyes youth team experience.

The season started on a low note, but the only thing that is certain is that the domestic treble is now not on. I'll settle for the European Cup making up a threesome with the League and Cup!

There will be more news of our progress in my next Tartan Talk

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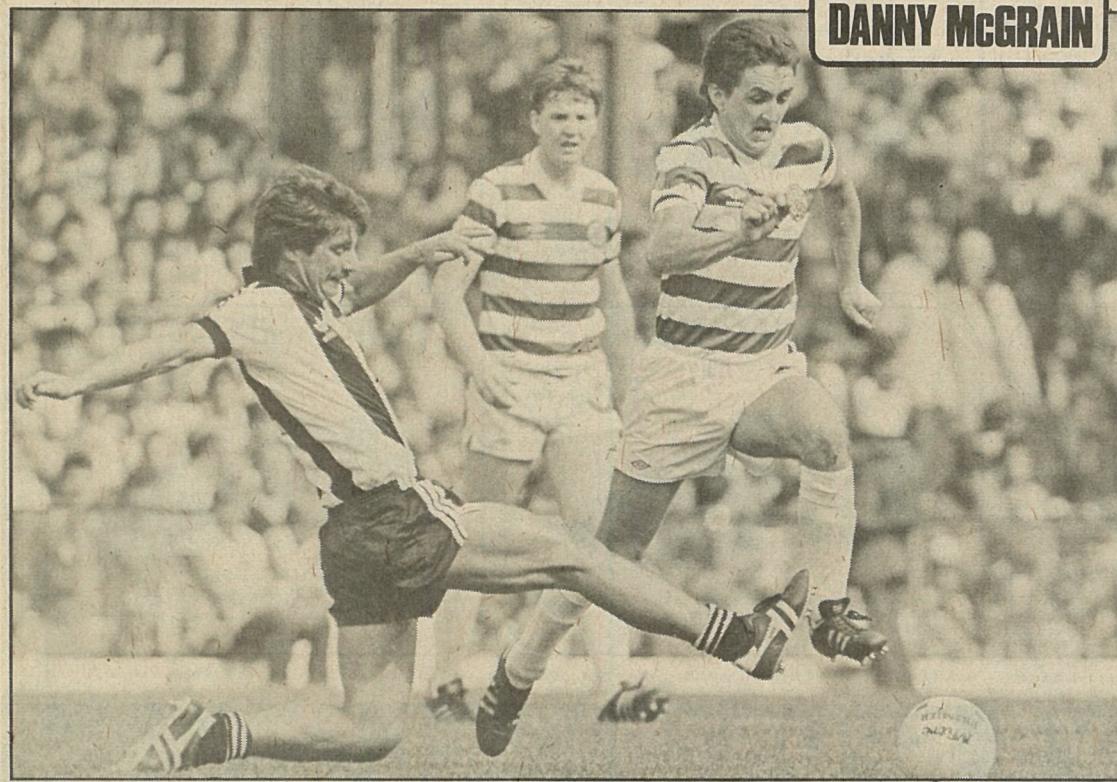
My opinion of the lad? He will make it, for he is loaded with skill. Personally I was surprised that he did not move to a more glamorous club than Sunderland but anyway this will be the vital season for him. If he gets through it he will go right to the top.

Celtic's Dom Sullivan (hoops) evades a tackle from St Mirren's Tony Fitzpatrick during The Saints' 3-1 win at Parkhead.

even at 18, thanks to the Scottish youth team, Davie has had more experience of European football than the Lisbon Lions — Celtic's triumphant 1967 European Cup side — had put together.

Still even Davie's inclusion couldn't keep us in the League Cup although we all tried as hard as we possibly could.

After the defeat at Perth we felt



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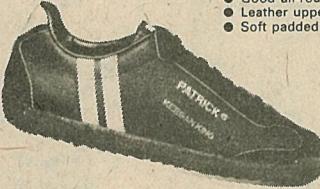
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GARY SHAW soccer as I see it

I'D PLAYED reasonably well in all the pre-season games, I worked myself up to a peak fitness and then missed the Charity Shield and big kick-off because of a foot injury.

But it wasn't caused by a tackle or kick, more a combination of wearing tight fitting boots and hard grounds of Greece where Villa played AEK Athens and Olympiakos.

First sign of the injury was a week before the Charity Shield when I felt a slight twinge. I carried on training but the pain increased until I could hardly stand.

When the foot failed to respond to treatment and the specialist talked about putting it in plaster I was worried.

It was the most serious injury of my career and I must admit to fearing the worst for a while.

Apparently I had strained a front arch. But I've always had trouble with my feet, especially the left one which is slightly disfigured.

This is the result of wearing ill-fitting boots at a very early age.

Now I'm having my boots specially made, with extra width and built up inner soles to help relieve

the pressure on my arches.

So there's a warning to all you younger readers. Ensure the boots you wear are the correct size and not too tight.

Fortunately the pain gradually eased and I was able to start light training.

Ron Saunders didn't show much concern. Obviously he checked on my progress but generally leaves injured players in the capable care of our physio Jim Williams.

What did concern the boss was Villa's performance in the first League matches of the season. Our home defeat by newly promoted Notts County and away at Sunderland hardly helped ease my pain . . . or Ron's blood pressure.

Villa were a disaster against County. We lacked method, forgot how to break down a defence and hit too many long balls in the hope of finding Peter Withe. On the day the Champions looked a very ordinary side. So did Notts County,



which made the result even worse from our point of view.

Ron Saunders was obviously disappointed but didn't lose his temper with the players. He's mellowed over the past few years and realises nothing is gained by having a go at players in public.

This is a crucial season for Villa and those players with international ambitions.

As you know one of my top targets is to make England's World Cup squad next summer. Tony

appearance for Dennis Mortimer. Some have even mentioned Morty will make a great England skipper.

Now I rate Dennis very highly and respect him as a professional, but it's too late for that I'm afraid. Two or three years ago Dennis would have made the perfect England captain.

Dennis won't give me any stick for saying that because he has accepted the fact Ron Greenwood is not going to pick him.

He might have stood a chance if selected for at least one of the British Championship matches last season after being chosen for the squad.

Dennis won't be too worried about his international future this Saturday (September 19th) when Villa visit Anfield for what must be match of the day.

We generally provide a tough test for Liverpool, whatever the final result.

Villa lost 2-1 at Anfield last season thanks to two glorious Kenny Dalglish goals, the second coming just minutes from time.

Although we lost, that performance inspired us to go on a good run which helped win the title.

Liverpool haven't had the best of

'TOO LATE FOR MORTY'

Tony Morley leaves Spurs' Paul Miller on the ground during the 2-2 Charity Shield draw in August. Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer (left).



Morley and Gordon Cowans have similar aims.

I thought Tony was desperately unlucky not to be included in the senior side last season, especially after playing so well for the B side when he came on as a substitute against the Australians.

Gordon Cowans didn't have too good a 1980-81 season by his standards, but looks sharp at the moment.

Several experts have tipped him for top honours and a first full

starts and usually bounce back with a stunning result after a couple of setbacks.

But Villa are in no mood to be fall guys and are confident of coming away from Anfield with at least a share of the spoils.

Before I close this week I'd like to give a little plug to the Villa Cubs, our junior supporters club.

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Commercial over. See you in two weeks' time . . .



BRENDAN O'Callaghan is "the best header of a ball in the game," says Stoke City manager Richie Barker. The problem for both manager and his only current full international at the Victoria Ground is where to make best use of that skill in defence or attack?

Eire cap O'Callaghan, who entered this season with 99 League goals to his credit, says: "I prefer up front. On the other hand, the team demand at the moment is that I play at the back. It is a difficult position."

Which takes priority? "Getting a game!" he responds instantly. "You feel very sick when you are out of the side. I suppose the wisest course is to see what kind of progress I make at centre-half."

It was Alan Durban, who moved on to manage Sunderland during the summer, who first switched the lean, lithe 6 feet 3 inches O'Callaghan into the back four. Now it looks as if Durban's closest friend in football, the thoughtful Barker, will continue to extract maximum advantage from the two-way talent of O'Callaghan.

It was Durban, when in charge at Shrewsbury, who recruited Barker as his coach: now the latter follows him in command at Stoke.

"They certainly believe in the same values," assesses O'Callaghan, "but there are

were forgotten. In fact, we finished up the season playing some very attractive football indeed.

"Don't take my word for it — ask the players who had to take us on at the Victoria Ground. Not too many people appreciated the quality of our football because it came too late to catch the eye of the television or the newspapers they were then concentrating on other clubs.

"Yet our outstanding football of those final weeks to the season was good enough to give us a chance against anyone. I believe that we can take it on from there as we proved by beating Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury on the opening day of the season and then thrashing Coventry 4-0.

"The reason we dropped so many points early in 1980-81 was that it was a bit soon for some of our young players — but that applied only to the opening weeks. They picked up very quickly and that is why we feel pretty confident about our immediate future.

O'CALLAGHAN 'THE BEST' -BUT WHERE?



Graham Rix of Arsenal is tackled by defender Brendan O'Callaghan during Stoke's fine 1-0 win at Highbury this season.

differences. Alan Durban was one of the shrewdest men I've known in football and he worked miracles on a limited budget. It's a big task to follow in his shoes — but Richie Barker knows just where he is going.

"In fact, I would say that our new manager is a better coach and he goes to great detail when he works on defensive tactics. Time will tell, of course, but Richie Barker is obviously a man who has come into the job intent on doing his utmost."

The pessimists would say that the first Barker target will be to avoid the prospect of relegation — all too often Stoke seem to make the headlines only when they hit a bad patch. That is the kind of talk that makes O'Callaghan furious.

"We started last season with some poor results. Then we had to fight back and consolidate: that seemed to be the point when we

"By the end of the season, they looked the part in every way. Adrian Heath and Lee Chapman won England Under-21 caps and they proved that by scoring two apiece against Coventry.

"They matured excitingly as our season improved and they will go on from there. That is why Stoke City has a great deal more to offer than most people realise."

Obviously, however, a great deal depends on the senior Stoke players and especially the versatility of O'Callaghan. He estimates that 80 per cent of his games last season were at the back and the remainder up front.

'Standpoint'

"That, of course, is counting from the standpoint of original selection," he says with a laugh. "At one stage during the season when we were losing games, I seemed to be moved from the back to the front every match."

O'Callaghan is less even tempered about his own roles during an international against Wales last season. Then he was switched from centre-half to centre-forward at half-time and observes sharply: "I was disappointed in not having 90 minutes in one position to show what I could do."

That was his fifth cap spread over three seasons and he badly wants that settled international place in the talented Eire squad.

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This week's Star Letter is a poem sent in by R. Trickett of Barnoldswick, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:



Ever thought about the lads, who
Never give in 'till all is through
Game after game the pressure is on
Like after Basle which was lost 2-1
And then the lads did not give in
No-one against Hungary forecast an England win
Defeat would have cost the World Cup chase
For '82 and Spain the place
Oh what a difference two points makes
Ride on to Madrid we've got what it takes
The Cup can go to R.G.'s band
Homeward bound for the promised land
England now deserve to taste
World Cup glory. We've no waste
Of skill or talent as all can see
Ride on to Madrid — World victory
Liverpool did it in the month of May
Do it again England in the very same way
Capture the Cup and bring it on home
United we stand, we can rule all alone
Please forget, Ron, about the Press
It's men like them who hate success
Never forget maestro Brooking (left),
Super Keegan with his super SHOOTing
Peter Barnes and big Dave Watson
And Terry Mac with Bryan Robson
I don't forget the other boys in blue who
Never give in till all is through.

• If England's football is as good as your poetry they could win the World Cup!

Botham boost

I'VE seen flashes from recent Test series between England v. Australia.

I was very impressed by the support given by the cricket crowd to Ian Botham as he scattered the Aussie stumps all over the place.

If the England soccer team was given the same vocal encouragement by the Wembley crowd it would win all internationals, qualify and win, the World Cup.

As it is, it would appear that they must wait until England next becomes the host country then qualification will be automatic.

GORDON ROBSON,
NEW ZEALAND.

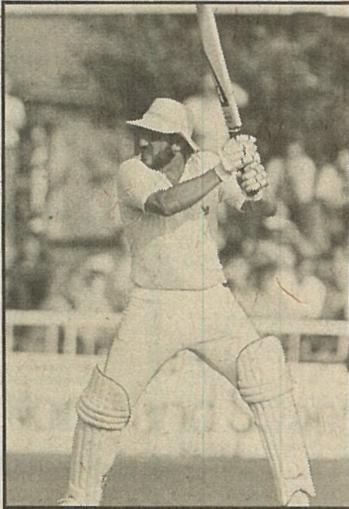
• England could do with an inspiring figure like Botham (right) in soccer — but it takes more than vocal support to win the World Cup.

New 'team'

I WAS very sad to hear that Ray Clemence, Andy Gray, Peter Shilton and Derek Johnstone were leaving SHOOT. Derek Johnstone had, along with Danny McGrain, provided a special insight to the game "over the border" which cannot be matched anywhere.

Ray Clemence seems to have been with SHOOT as long as he had been with Liverpool and being with Liverpool Clemence could have dwelt on past successes, but he added variation and this was much appreciated by all.

Another long-serving writer was



Andy Gray, and I will always remember him for the most honest account of a record transfer fee I have ever had the pleasure to read.

Peter Shilton was only in the 'team' for 18 months but provided an interesting insight into the affairs of Nottingham Forest.

On behalf of all SHOOT readers I would like to thank them all and wish the new writers the best of luck with their new columns.

ROBERT CARMICHAEL,
BILLERICAY.

• Remember, SHOOT is the soccer magazine others can't match — beware of expensive imitations.

Raw deal

I WAS pleased but angered to hear of Coventry City's new all-seater stadium.

Although it may prevent violence to a certain extent, away fans cannot get in for less than £5.00.

Another aspect is the loss of atmosphere that you get on the terraces from standing supporters at all games.

Unfortunately, much of the fighting is after the match outside the ground.

Although Coventry have done their best to prevent violence, many fans are just left with a raw deal.

RAYMOND JENNINGS,
CHISWICK.

• Having attended a game at Highfield Road this season I can say that Coventry's plan is a winner. There was no lack of atmosphere, no hooliganism and comfort all round. I predict in five years time many clubs will have followed Coventry's (and Aberdeen's) idea.

Remarkable Jacko

ALTHOUGH not an Ipswich supporter, I feel I have to write to say how much I admire Bobby Robson for making the signing of the close season. His bravery in signing veteran 'keeper John Jackson from Millwall as understudy to Paul Cooper will be rewarded if Jacko is called upon to play.

A loyal Orient fan, I have witnessed many remarkable saves from the ex-O's 'keeper including the memorable performance he gave for Orient when we gained a 0-0 draw in icy conditions at the ground of holders Ipswich in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup in 1979.

John has already proved his worth for the U.E.F.A. Cup holders in pre-season tours by making some excellent saves.

He may be almost 40, but John is as fit and agile as ever and I'd like to wish this fine goalkeeper every success in this further extension to an outstanding career.

MARK SPYRIDONOS,
ILFORD.

• Bobby Robson is delighted and told us that the Ipswich stars reckon he's made a first-class signing.

£1,000 a week no crime

I WAS shocked and amazed when turning to News Desk to find that information from Wolves' balance sheet had been printed.

I don't think that it has anything to do with anyone except the club itself and the supporters.

It also angered me the way you used the headline "Wolves player gets nearly £1,000 a week", as if it was some sort of crime.

I do not recall seeing headlines stating that other players, mentioning no names, were earning £1,000 or more a week.

Just because Wolves did not have a very successful season, it does not mean that they should not get paid as much as others.

THERESA CLANCY,
WOLVERHAMPTON.

• Bill Day replies: Fans who pay heavily at the turnstiles are entitled to know where their money goes. If Andy Gray was my striker, I'd pay him £2,000 a week.

Pen-Pal

I AM an 18-year-old French boy and I will be very happy to correspond with supporters of Ipswich Town, girls or boys.

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Final goal

Who scored Arsenal's first goal in their 2-1 extra-time win over Liverpool in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final?

JOE AHERNE,
EIRE

• There's always been a bit of controversy over it, Joe — although, ultimately, it was given to Eddie Kelly.

As the official F.A. Year Book recorded it: "Kelly worried the ball past Smith and Hughes, and Graham ran it over the line (or so it appeared to everyone, including Graham, at the time). Eventually, however, the goal was credited to Kelly as Graham had not, in fact, touched the ball."

Many Sunday papers next day, though gave that goal — wrongly — to George Graham.

Oldest international

Who has been the oldest footballer ever to play for his country at full level?

SIMON MONTLAKE,
RUISLIP

• Worldwide, Simon, I honestly wouldn't know. But, as far as the British nations are concerned, Billy Meredith takes that honour.

The famous Manchester United and Manchester City outside-right — the greatest winger of his day — was just a few weeks short of his 46th birthday when he gained his 48th cap for Wales in their 2-1 win over England at Highbury on 15th March, 1920.

Bobby Stokes

Whatever happened to Bobby Stokes, who scored the only goal of the 1976 F.A. Cup Final? He seemed to disappear right after!

NICHOLAJ WARMING,
DENMARK

• That's just about what happened, Nicholaj. One moment Stokes was the Southampton hero who humbled hot-favourites Manchester United; the next, he'd almost gone from sight.

He played only eight more games for Saints, and then in April, 1977 — less than a year after his big moment — his contract was cancelled by the club.

After that, Stokes crossed the Atlantic to play for Washington Diplomats.

Charlton debut

I've been having an argument as to whether Bobby Charlton scored on his League debut. Did he?

JASON VICTOR,
KENYA

• He certainly did, Jason, and — would you believe it? — that first-ever of his 198 League goals for Manchester United came against CHARLTON!

That was in October, 1956 — and, just to rub in those shooting-powers which were soon to make him world-famous, Bobby scored twice.

On the ball CROSSWORD

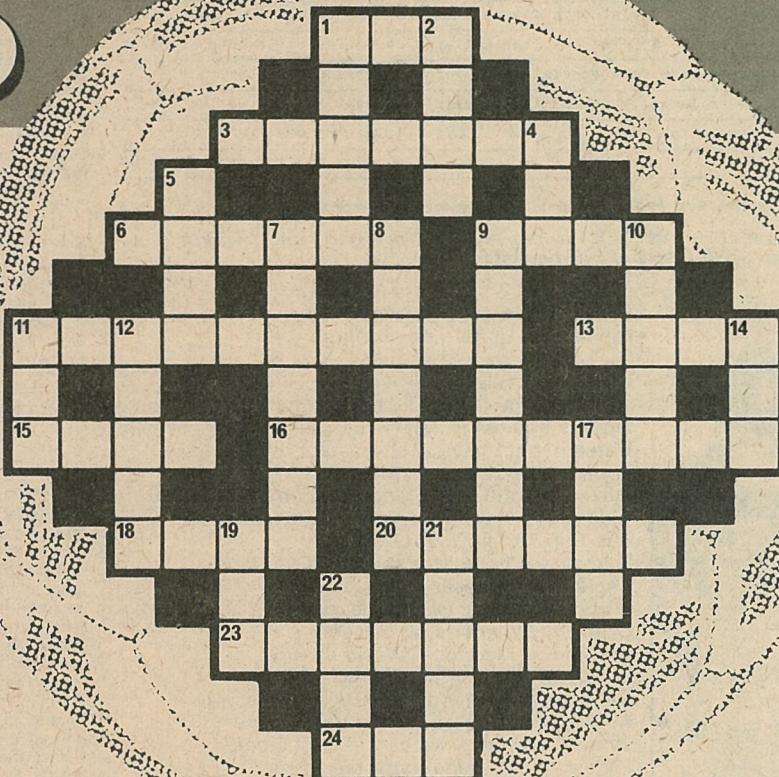
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- (1) Craze or pet notion. (3)
- (3) Jake —, Luton goalkeeper. (7)
- (6) Limp. (6)
- (9) Projection on a boot. (4)
- (11) Don —, Charlton defender. (10)
- (13) See 11 Down. (4)
- (15) After a specified time. (4)
- (16) West Bromwich Albion 'keeper. (4 & 6)
- (18) — Harris, Leeds United striker. (4)
- (20) Scheme or method of play, for instance. (6)
- (23) Mike —, Manchester United defender. (7)
- (24) Pull hard or violently. (3)

DOWN:

- (1) Last match of a K.O. competition. (5)
- (2) Add to 17. (4)
- (4) If Rangers, Dumbarton and Newport give "GAP"; what do Clyde, Rotherham and Brentford give? (3)
- (5) — Brotherton, Blackburn Rovers striker. (4)
- (7) City or Rovers ... both relegated last season. (7)
- (8) Stretches out or prolongs. (7)
- (9) Steve —, Cambridge United midfield player. (7)
- (10) — Armstrong of Southampton. (5)
- (11) & 13 Across) Wolverhampton Wanderers striker. (3)
- (12) Raddy — of Luton. (5)
- (14) If Mansfield gives "IAN"; what will Doncaster give? (3)
- (17) with 2) Ground of Preston North End. (4)
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- (21) Alan —, Leicester City striker. (5)
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THE box on the bar at The Tudor Inn, Kilmarnock, had a note attached to it which read simply: Ally's Redundancy Money.

Behind the bar, pulling pints, was the unmistakeable face of Ally MacLeod, whose name had just been added to the horrifying statistic of sacked managers in Britain after being given the boot by Motherwell just days before the start of the League season.

MacLeod, Scotland's international manager during the World Cup Finals only three years ago, was sacked for the first time in his controversial, topsy-turvy managerial career.

Ally — who owns the Tudor Inn — says sadly: "When I was first given the Motherwell job two-and-a-half years ago I was offered a TEN-year contract by the club's chairman.

MacLeod in the news again ALLY-OOPS!

Motherwell lost all five and after his side had lost the fifth to a ten-man Partick Thistle team at Fir Park there was a mini-demonstration by the fans.

MacLeod said: "They pay their money so they have the right to voice their opinion.

"However, I still thought I was nearer to what I was wanting at Fir Park.

"Okay, five successive defeats is hardly impressive, but everything was geared to the League ... promotion was the aim.

"I had already said I would chuck the job if I didn't think things were progressing as I wanted."

MacLeod's honesty is quite startling. Genuinely, he believed Motherwell could overcome their problems and put in a sustained bid for the promotion that has eluded them for the past two years.

"People should remember the state of the club when I took over," adds MacLeod. "They were heading towards relegation and there was little I could do to stop that.

"We needed a miracle to stay in the Top Ten and it didn't happen. I had to start from scratch in the First Division."

Former Chelsea star David Hay, the new caretaker manager at Motherwell.

"I didn't sign it. Contracts can lead to an awful lot of hassle in football. But we had a gentleman's agreement.

"We were going to give three months' notice either way. It didn't happen.

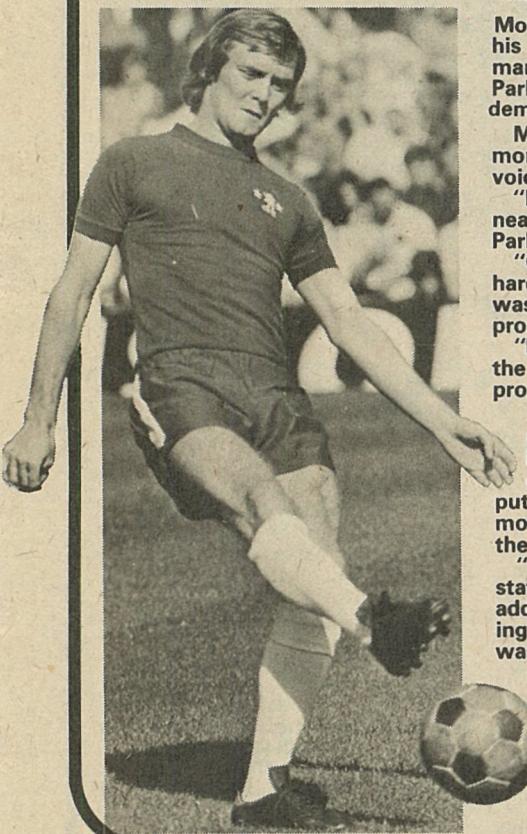
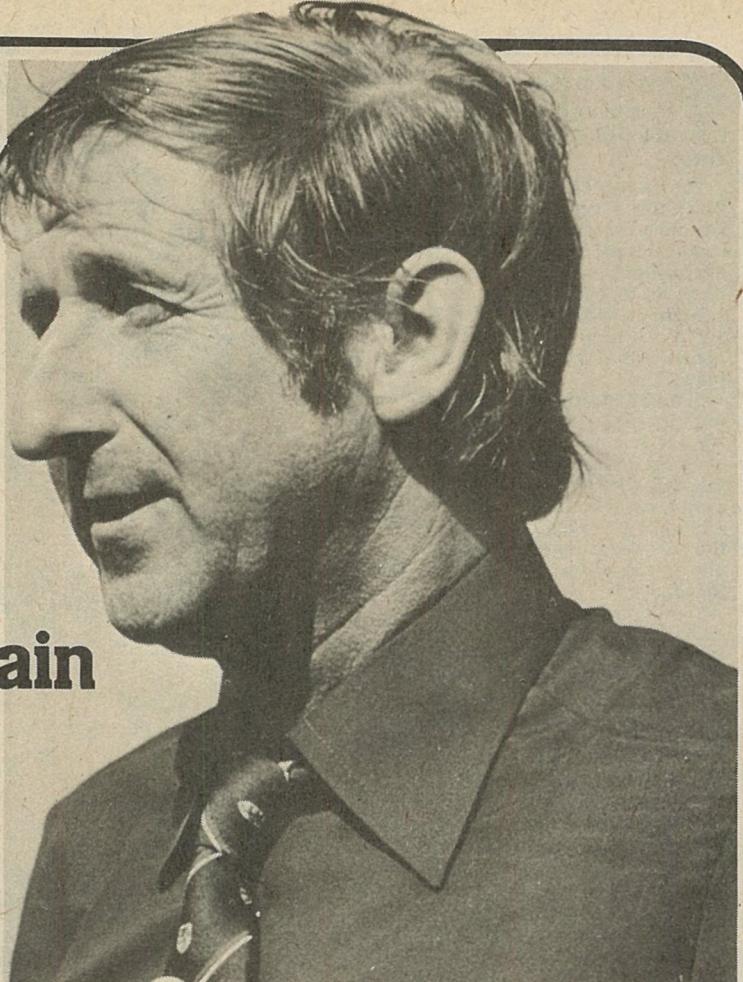
"This is the first time in 32 years I have been out of football. Maybe now it's time I had a wee rest.

"But I will be back. I can assure you of that. I know I've still got something to offer football."

As Ally serves his customers there is light hearted banter. He is being told how to draw dole money and, never without an instant reply, he is countering with the threat of increased prices!

But the sacking is not being treated as a joke by MacLeod. Behind the grin and the wise-cracks his pride has taken a severe battering.

The end was in sight for Ally after only five League Cup games.



Roger Hynd had just left the club and players were also coming and going at a remarkable rate. One bemused star, bought for around £60,000 and sitting it out in the reserves, said: "It's a joke. No one knows what is happening."

Motherwell's deterioration has been astounding. Only a few years back, after being managed first by Ian St. John and then Willie McLean, they were putting pressure on the Old Firm and looked the most likely candidate among the provincial clubs to make the breakthrough.

Nightmares

Dark clouds settled over Fir Park, however, and the past three years have been nightmares for the Motherwell fans.

Now former Celtic, Chelsea and Scotland star Davie Hay has taken over as caretaker manager and the club seem in no hurry to make a permanent appointment although, strangely, they recently named former Kilmarnock and Ayr defender Jim McFadzean as their assistant boss.

Only Motherwell would name an assistant-manager while not having a permanent boss!

Hay, brought to Motherwell as assistant-manager by MacLeod a year ago, had also been linked with a soccer job in America, but is saying little at this stage.

Perhaps he realises only too well that people in soccer have long memories. When promises are made and not kept they are often fired back in savage reprisal.

Ally MacLeod, after that disastrous World Cup attempt in Argentina, will surely testify to that!

The man who played with such distinction for Third Lanark, Blackburn Rovers, St. Mirren, Hibs and Ayr United while also managing his country, Aberdeen, Ayr (twice) as well as Motherwell has hardly been out of the bigger football headlines over the past 32 years.

As he says, he will now probably take a "wee rest", but he will be back — of that we can be sure.

NOBBY

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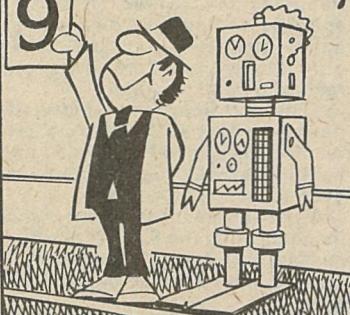
BUT WHO AM I TO STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS?



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I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR NOBBY, HE'S QUICK TO CATCH ON!



HOWARD Kendall calls it the quickest transfer he has ever completed — Jim Arnold doubts if there has ever been a faster one.

Terms agreed between Blackburn Rovers and Everton for Arnold's transfer, a successful medical undertaken, Arnold and his former boss at Blackburn sat down to discuss personal terms at 1.20pm on Monday, August 10. At 1.21pm Arnold had signed the contract that made him an Everton player!

"I must admit the whole thing left me a little bewildered," says Arnold. "It is not surprising!"

"A lot had been made of me following Howard to Everton," says the goalkeeper. "But the first inkling I had of a move being on the cards was when I received a phone call about midnight on the Sunday.

"I had packed my bags expecting to spend a few days in Morecambe with Blackburn. I was told to forget about that, Everton wanted to talk to me. I left the bags packed because I knew that they were leaving for a tour of the West Country the following day. I was determined to be on it!"

And he was too. Arnold joined Everton for a fee of £175,000, completing a jigsaw that Kendall had been piecing together all summer.

"I wanted a goalkeeper," says Kendall. "And I knew what Jim could do. All right, I paid a lot of money for a player with limited experience in the League,



JIM ARNOLD

Everton's one minute 'keeper

remember he only joined Blackburn from non-League soccer two years ago, but knew what I was buying."

Some testimony for Arnold, a very articulate former grammar schoolboy who, at 31, has a lot to do in order to make up for the lost years.

Kendall was first impressed by Arnold during his days as player/coach at Stoke City.

"I was playing for Stafford Rangers," says Arnold. "Howard spent some time watching us, apparently with his eye on one of our full-backs who had been recommended to Stoke.

"The next thing I knew Howard had taken over at Blackburn and wanted me to join him. It took me a little longer to think this one over, at least a morning!"

Arnold made his last appearance for Stafford in the F.A. Trophy Final at Wembley, and at 27 years of age, embarked on the biggest



challenge of his life, giving up a secure job as a local government officer for a career in professional football.

"I always believed I could make it," he says. "My former boss at Stafford, Roy Chapman, the father of the Stoke City striker Lee, never stopped telling me I could go to the top. I owe a lot of my belief to him."

Arnold does not worry about his late arrival on the scene.

"In terms of my career, I'm only about 24 or 25. I feel I've got at least six seasons ahead of me.

"Ray Clemence said recently, after joining Tottenham, that as long as a goalkeeper looks after himself he can play until he's 40.

"I don't have a weight problem, I feel fit and subscribe to the view that Clemence is expanding."

That is bad news for another of Kendall's close-season signings,

Neville Southall, who joined Everton from Bury for £125,000.

"Neville has the ability to be a very good goalkeeper," says Arnold. "I'm glad he's at the club because it will keep me on my toes. But there is no way I'll be surrendering the number one jersey without a fight. I've waited too long for this.

"Howard Kendall is very aware of what's needed at Goodison," he says. "He was playing here when they picked up their last major honour, the Championship in 1970.

'Right one'

"He's a very determined man, and I'm sure he's the right one for the job.

"He has spent quite a bit of money in the close-season re-shaping the squad. Add the likes of Mickey Thomas, Alan Ainscow and Alan Biley to what was here already — Asa Hartford, Mark Higgins and Mike Lyons and I think we are looking well balanced.

"Of course it will take us a few months to get things sorted out. But I'm convinced a new era is dawning for Everton, and I very much want to be part of it."

Jim Arnold (top of page) in action for Blackburn Rovers. Howard Kendall (left) had no hesitation in signing the 31-year-old goalkeeper.

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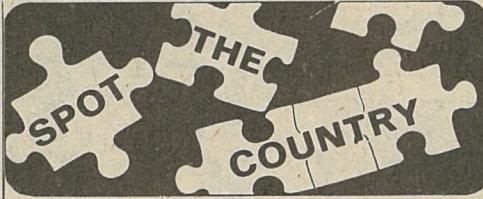
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AT 32, John Toshack is the youngest, boldest, brightest managerial success of British football. He is the man who has climbed the highest mountain — from Fourth to First Division — faster and with more style than anyone in Football League history.

Now the cynics are waiting for the fall. The bookmakers offered 500-1 against The Swans winning the Championship before the start of the season: after the astonishing 5-1 opening day victory against Leeds, those odds reappeared at 50-1.

"The golfer who does the first round of the Open Championship in '66: the runner who leads the marathon out of the stadium: the horse that leads over the first few fences of the Grand National . . . yes, they seldom win in the end," agrees Toshack, "but the people who predict gloom for us don't know the background to our achievements or our players."

The truth is that Toshack has known where he was going from the moment he joined the club as player-manager in February, 1978. He scored on his debut and has not put a foot wrong since. He never lacked conviction as a player and managerial experience has given him fresh, self-demanding motivation.

Excitement seldom breaks through. The one moment of undisguised jubilation came when he raced on to the pitch at Preston as the final whistle of the 1980-81 season signalled Swansea's first ever place in Division One.

'Instinct'

"Yes, that was the greatest moment of my career in football," he agrees, "but I don't get carried away. When you have spent eight years at Liverpool, success becomes ingrained. You acquire an instinct that stops you becoming big-headed."

"On the other side of the coin, it is that upbringing at Liverpool which has transformed Swansea City and made everyone wild with excitement! Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to go into town and hear The Swans dominate every conversation."

"I love to walk down the street and see the kids carrying Dai Davies bags, wearing Bob Latchford badges, sporting black and white scarves, etc. Whatever some 'experts' may think from a distance, the people here who have lived with us KNOW first hand the job that has been done."

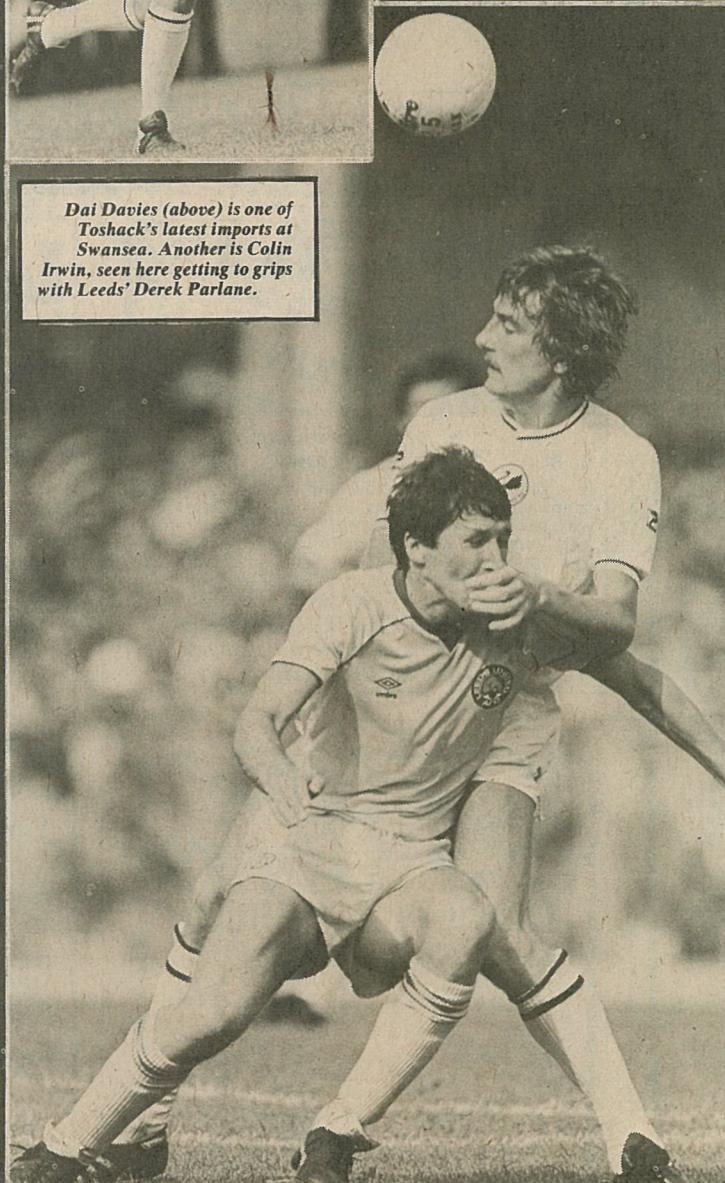
Toshack is convinced that it can only get better. "We have had four teams here since I arrived, each one better than the last. Even now I am not totally certain that our first team squad is strong enough to take everything that comes during a First Division season . . . but time will tell."

"No one can accuse us now of being an old team. Only Dai Davies, Bob Latchford and John Mahoney have turned 30. Then you tumble down the age scale to 18-year-old sweeper Dudley Lewis — and we would not have got

Toshack warning



Dai Davies (above) is one of Toshack's latest imports at Swansea. Another is Colin Irwin, seen here getting to grips with Leeds' Derek Parlane.



promotion last season without his contribution over the final weeks.

"Behind them, we are bringing on marvellous young players that outsiders do not know about yet." Toshack takes great pride in producing rare young local talent like Lewis, and a cornerstone of his team today is the Alan Curtis-Robbie James-Jeremy Charles home-bred strike force. "With those three and myself over the last three months of the 1977-78 season, we just had too much up front for anyone else in the Fourth Division. Then I had just £50,000 to spend to bring further success in the Third."

"My first buy — and a very good one for the Third Division — was



Alan Waddle at £20,000. Then I signed goalkeeper Geoff Crudgington as well as taking Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan on free transfers. That was my money gone."

Done it may have been . . . but every penny spent brilliantly. Waddle, Toshack, Curtis, Charles and James crashed home the goals as Smith locked the defence and Callaghan directed from midfield. The boom story of Swansea City accelerated week by week and Leighton Phillips was next imported to help clinch another promotion.

Launch

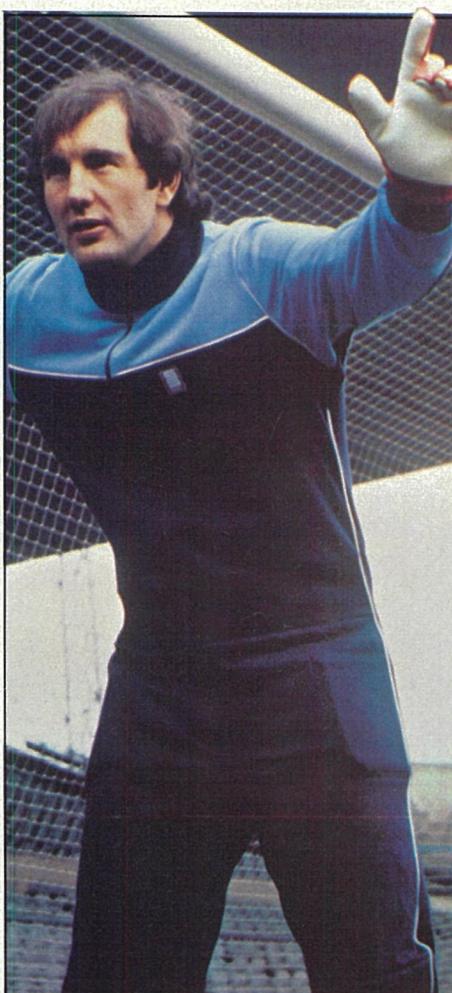
For the first of his two seasons in the Second Division, Toshack signed Scottish internationals Tommy Craig in midfield and Dave Stewart in goal; for the second campaign, Leighton James plus Yugoslav internationals Dzemal Hadziabdic and Ante Rajkovic; for the launch into the First, Colin Irwin arrived at a record £350,000 from Liverpool to take over as skipper, Latchford to inject extra power into an already lethal attack and Dai Davies to provide matchless experience in goal.

Toshack also salvaged some shaky careers; David Giles (Wrexham) to become an international in six months, Brian Attley (Cardiff), now challenging for a Welsh cap, and Neil Robinson (Everton) now a classy defender.

There was not a bad decision among them — and Toshack even profited on his record sale! Curtis went to Leeds following the promotion to the Second Division for £350,000: he returned 18 months later for half that figure and celebrated his return with the finest football of his career.

How much more to come? "We'll see," responds Toshack with a sureness that indicates more aces up his sleeve still to be played. "All I know is that when I look back on how far we've come and the response from the people of West Wales, we've got a lot to live up to!"

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

SWANSEA boss John Toshack felt sorry for Leeds United after his team had thrashed them 5-1 on the opening day of the new season.

Forget it, John, your sympathies are not required at Elland Road where Allan Clarke is slowly but surely steering the once great Leeds United back to the good times.

"I blame myself for that defeat," says Clarke emphatically.

Leeds finished in a comfortable position in the First Division at the end of last season, and despite the setback in South Wales regained their composure in a 1-1 home draw against Everton a few days later, and should now settle down to produce the quality football

Clarke demands.

Any fear that the former Barnsley boss and ex-Leeds United striker would build a team of journeymen, relying heavily on blood and sweat rather than style and grace, was dispelled when Clarke persuaded Peter Barnes that his future lay at Elland Road rather than at Manchester City and at other clubs who vied for his transfer from West Brom.

Clarke, determined and fully committed to blending ball skills with more disciplined ball winning tactics, has clearly not completed his search for the right formula.

He is anxious to sign a striker to ram home the chances created by Barnes on the left. Arthur Graham's headed goal against

Everton from the winger's cross and another three from the Scotsman against Wolves three days later brought a smile to the manager's face.

If asked to describe Leeds' style this season, Clarke says: "We play disciplined football."

It suggests dull, negative tactics. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The Elland Road boss has adopted the tactics which has brought Liverpool so much success over recent years.

"We've made a lot of progress and the one thing we have improved on most certainly is discipline, and that's very unnatural for an English side.

"You get sides like Liverpool, who are without doubt the best side in England or Europe for that matter, and whereas they've got class players they're also very, very disciplined and that's the one thing they introduced into their teams many years ago and

it's paid dividends for them."

The Leeds squad, one of the strongest in the First Division, could well challenge heavily for trophies this season.

In John Lukic, the England Under-21 player, they have a goalkeeper of rare talent.

He has never looked back since taking over from David Harvey and was elected Player of the Year last season.

Allan Clarke prophesies Lukic will be "the number one goalkeeper" in England in two years time.

Brian Greenhoff, Trevor Cherry, Paul Hart and Frankie Gray must be one of the strongest defensive quartets in the country, and the silken skills of Eddie Gray alongside Welsh international Brian Flynn in midfield dazzle on the gloomiest days.

Eddie Gray has confounded medical opinion to regain his throne as the kingpin of Leeds'

LEEDS UNITED A.F.C.



midfield. It is hard to believe that he made his debut for the club against Sheffield Wednesday in the year England won the World Cup.

Kevin Hird is another Leeds star following his transfer from Blackburn in March, 1979.

He played right-back for Rovers but has since operated in midfield, adding bite to a skilful unit.

Arthur Graham is particularly useful to the Leeds boss for he can operate in midfield or as a striker, his talents in the air already helping his club to a good return from their first three games of the new season.

Carl Harris, who joined the Elland Road outfit as a youngster, has gone on to win Welsh Youth, Under-23 and full honours as a winger — one of the fastest touchline runners in the game — and should also do well this season.

Clarke arrived at Leeds from

Barnsley with the promise of leading his new club to a major trophy within three years.

He stands by that pronouncement today when he says: "I took on one of the hardest jobs in the game and reckoned it would take three years to get it right.

"I lack a bit of balance in the team, but I know the players I want to sign and am prepared to be patient.

"Leeds United are prepared to compete with the best to get the players we want even if that means spending £1 million.

"In signing Barnes and Gray I brought world class players to the club with a lot of experience."

Leeds were second from bottom of the First Division when Allan Clarke took over in the autumn of last year. They finished ninth from top.

He inherited one of the biggest playing staffs in League football.

United were fielding three teams and ten players were surplus to requirements, never getting a game.

Understandably, he pruned the staff in the close season to run a more manageable squad.

If he has to cast a critical eye over his beloved team, he confesses that it lacks "a bit of quality."

More important, he preaches the need to re-create the 'family'

spirit Don Revie engendered.

"Class players, a happy squad, disciplined players on and off the pitch ... we're getting back to what we were in the golden era," beams Allan Clarke, a friendlier man than some would have you believe.

Some say Clarke has modelled himself on Revie.

The Leeds manager would refute that. He is very much his own man.

HONOURS

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REF BASHING?

It happens all the time...

THE Euro Cups have started again and no doubt there will be the usual number of strange decisions... brought about by officials from one country seeing things a different way.

Nottingham Forest won the European Cup twice, but they may have been helped by not having Señor Pes Perez of Spain in charge of their games.

They ran up against Señor Perez in a friendly against Osasuna and after the match the following conversation took place between our correspondent in Spain, Graham Turner, and the official.

SHOOT: Could you explain the reasons for Kenny Burns' sending-off, please? You know this could mean he'll be suspended for at least one English League match?

PES PEREZ: Really? I'm very pleased about that. Yes, I'm very pleased. Don't you understand Spanish? Do you want me to write it out for you?

SHOOT: No, it's just that I'm a bit surprised by your attitude. Anyway, can you tell me exactly why Burns was sent-off, please?

PES PEREZ: Yes, I showed him the red card for protesting violently.

SHOOT: Can you tell me more or less what he said?

PES PEREZ: No! I don't speak a word of English.

SHOOT: So you showed him the red card without understanding what he said?

PES PEREZ: Yes. He lifted his arms up in the air. It was obvious he was

protesting. Perhaps he was insulting me. I don't know.

SHOOT: Why didn't you send off any of the Spanish players who lifted their arms in the air?

PES PEREZ: Look. On the pitch I'm in charge. Me and no one else.

SHOOT: You had previously shown Burns a yellow card, along with Osasuna striker Iriquibar. Could you explain this?

PES PEREZ: Simply there was an incident between the two players.

SHOOT: Why did you produce the yellow card four minutes after the incident had taken place?

PES PEREZ: Yes, the game was continuing and my linesman called me over to say there had been an incident.

SHOOT: What had happened?

PES PEREZ: I don't know. The linesman said something had happened. It doesn't matter. I would have sent Burns



off for the second offence anyway.

SHOOT: Finally, why did you refuse to allow the Forest masseur on to the pitch just before the end of the game, after that kidney-high tackle from behind on Ward? And why did you insist that play should re-start with him still lying on the ground?

PES PEREZ: I made a mistake there. I should have booked him for feigning injury. There was only a minute to go, and he was time-wasting.

SHOOT: With an eight-inch gash down his back?

PES PEREZ: Rubbish. He was

time-wasting.

SHOOT: Zaragoza weren't playing, yet their fans tried to beat you up at the end of the game following your performance. Why do you think they did this?

PES PEREZ: In Spain this happens all the time. It's normal.

PITCH PROBLEM

CONTROVERSY IN Paris about... the size of the pitch at the Parc des Princes, shared by Paris Saint Germain and the national team.

Since the pitch was first set out in 1972, it's always been 110 x 72 metres, but the French Federation tried to reduce its size after they'd received a memo from FIFA stating that World Cup pitches in Spain will measure only 105 x 68.

But Paris SG objected so strongly to the smaller size, and the increased difficulty of finding space on the wings, that it's now reverted to its normal size.

RECORD IN ARGENTINA

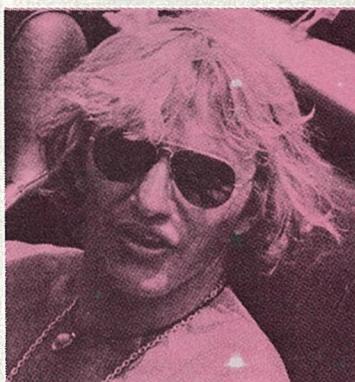
IN ARGENTINA, Ferro Carril Oeste goalkeeper Carlos Barisio set a new record in the 65th minute of his side's match against Instituto de Cordoba.

That's when he overhauled the record set by international goalkeeper Antonio Roma back in 1969 when he played 783 minutes without conceding a goal.

Barisio was aiming to set a new record of over 1,000 minutes, and he did just that by keeping a blank scoresheet for 11 matches and a bit.

Talleres finally brought his run to an end by notching a shock 1-1 draw.

● In spite of his move to Mexican club Tampico, Argentina's 1978 World Cup striker Leopoldo Luque is still determined to fight for a place in next year's squad. The 32-year-old star vows "I'm going to score so many goals for Tampico that Menotti will feel obliged to recall me..."



MARINHO BACK FOR BRAZIL

IT IS quite possible that left-back Marinho (Francisco Marinho) will have a new chance in the Brazilian team.

Marinho is back in Brazil, after playing for Cosmos and the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, and is playing in what coach Telê Santana has privately described as a much more "responsible" manner.

Marinho, who is 29-years-old, says he is sure he could quickly regain his top form. He now plays for São Paulo F.C. and still likes to go forward "but not as much as when I was younger."

"Life has taught me a lot," said

Marinho, who was well known for his flamboyant ways. One of the things that Marinho has learned is that goalkeeper Leão, who didn't like him, lobbied very effectively to have him removed from the squad that played in Argentina in 1978.

Now that Leão is not in the team himself, Marinho knows that he has one obstacle less to overcome in his bid to be recalled to the team.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

The forger regrets

THE POLICE in São Paulo (Brazil) have uncovered a massive organisation for falsifying and the selling of forged tickets to football matches.

The organisation had 19 full time forgers working for them.

The 'boss' of the organisation said: "I only wish we had not been caught so soon because then we could have had a real coup with forged tickets for the Frank Sinatra concert!"

News flashes

● In Greece it has been agreed that after eight years with one club a player automatically becomes a free agent and can negotiate his own transfer and collect the fee himself in the form of a signing-on bonus.

● In Poland, Ernst Pohl, inside-left of Gornik Zabrze in the 60's, is still their most successful player of all time. He tops the list of Championship medals with ten and with 186 League goals is the best of all time. His closest rivals still active are Włodzimierz Lubanski (155) and

Grzegorz Lato (111), but they cannot overtake him because both are now playing in Belgium.

● At home to St.-Etienne, Racing Strasbourg took more than £100,000 in gate receipts for a 22,000 crowd... and then got an extra bonus, winning 2-0.

● Helmut Senekowitsch, the Austrian World Cup boss in 1978 has told why he left Panathinaikos. When he arrived Pana were in 13th place but he took them up to win a place in the UEFA Cup. But the club chairman always wanted to pick the team

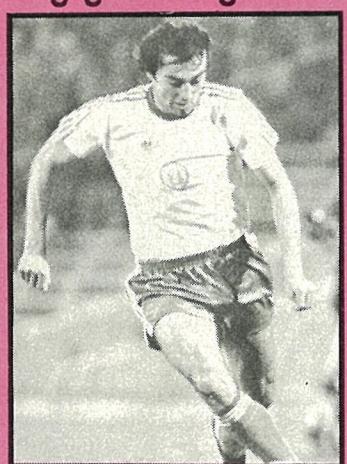
Europe's low-scoring goal king

SCORING THE lowest total since the award started, Georgi Slavkov (right) of Trakia Plovdiv was last season's top scorer in Europe with 31 goals in the 30-match Bulgarian First Division.

He finished one goal ahead of Nyilasi (Ferencvaros and Hungary) and two ahead of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich and West Germany).

Slavkov will collect the Golden Shoe, presented by Adidas, in Paris next month. He's 23, won the first of his 19 caps for Bulgaria in 1978 and has scored eight goals for his country. He started his career with Blagojevgrad before joining Trakia, where his manager Dinko Dermendjiev made him a centre-forward. In 101 League games Slavkov has scored 69 goals.

It seemed as if Nyilasi would win the award, but four goals in Trakia's last game against Spartak Pleven ensured Slavkov became the Goal King of Europe.



GIOVANNI TRAPATTONI, manager of Italian Champions Juventus, has an interesting attitude towards team captains.

One day, he says, he had a row while he was captain with his manager on the touchline.

He told the boss: "You command off the pitch, but I am the boss on it."

Asked what his attitude would be if his Juventus captain adopted that attitude today, he replied: "I would get a new captain at once."

THREE DAYS before the West German Championship began, new Hamburger SV boss Ernst Happel put his squad through the physical exam known as the Cooper Test.

Most unfit was centre forward Horst Hrubesch, but in the first League game Hrubesch banged in two goals; one header and one shot, and earned five points from a six maximum from the weekly *Kicker*.

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Liverpool's Dave Johnson and Coventry's Paul Dyson in last season's League clash, a boring goalless draw.

OUR Championship bid suffered a setback when we failed to get off to an expected good start and found ourselves at the wrong end of the table, looking up at the likes of Swansea City, First Division new boys.

I can't remember a worse kick-off to a new season. Only one point from the first two games — and what's made our plight look worse is the introduction of three points for a win which has opened up a big gap.

But that will close once we get back to our winning ways, and the situation takes on a better perspective.

It's no good consoling ourselves that Lady Luck deserted us in those opening games, that in previous seasons we've played far worse and come away with the winners' points, the Liverpool Red Machine is just not giving its peak performance.

One Pressman ended a match report with the observation 'Liverpool never showed the fluency and power that is their trademark.'

He was only half-right. We've still got the power — in fact, we're over-powered — but instead of fluency we've substituted frenzy!

We're charging about like a colony of disturbed ants. Our feet are moving at a hundred miles an hour, yet our brains are only doing 90!

Consequently we're continually running into trouble and losing possession.

We need to throttle-back and put more thought into our game in order to pull opponents out of

position and then finish off the goal chances we create.

After things have gone wrong at Liverpool, the trainers and players get together and there's a free exchange of views.

It's appreciated there are two different aspects to a game; one the player sees, the other presented to the spectator. Only after considering both can conclusions be reached.

Some clubs video every home game so they can be studied. We feel this is unnecessary at Liverpool and that there's nothing wrong with our present system.

The playing style originated by our former manager, Bill Shankly, is still basically adhered to by his successor, Bob Paisley. The only difference is a change in the formation, from 4-3-3 to 4-4-2, brought about by the introduction of players with different qualities.

Contrary to our critics, we believe we play a very attacking game that is exciting to watch and brings results.

We employ Kenny Dalglish and Dave Johnson as spearheads. Incidentally, this gives me the opportunity to present my solution to the riddle of why Kenny, who made his name as a great goalscorer, has found it so difficult to find the net this year. At the time of writing, he hadn't scored a League goal since our game against Aston Villa last November.

PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world

He's simply got a touch of what I call 'The Garry Birtles', after the lad who lost his goal touch following his transfer from Nottingham Forest to Manchester United.

Kenny is an instinctive scorer, with a natural flair for acting in a split-second.

Whereas formerly he would stick the ball home without pausing to think, he's hesitating to make sure of his shot and giving the opposition precious time.

Trouble is, the longer he goes without scoring the more his confidence is affected. Once he breaks his duck, though, there'll be no stopping him again.

Despite his goal slump, Kenny is still our top dangerman, a continual thorn in the side of defenders and creating goals for team-mates.

Such as Ray Kennedy, who attacks along the left flank, and Terry McDermott who specialises in penetrating runs in the former inside-right position.

Graeme Souness acts as a sort of anchor man, operating around the edge of the penalty area, ready to fire in one of his thunderous shots.

He's aided and abetted by young Sammy Lee, who like me has graduated from the ranks of the apprentices.

The back-four — my department — concentrate on keeping it tight and feeding the midfield.

Right now we're working on ironing out our problems in readiness for what promises to be one of our big matches of the season at Anfield. The clash of Champions — European v League. Liverpool and Aston Villa.

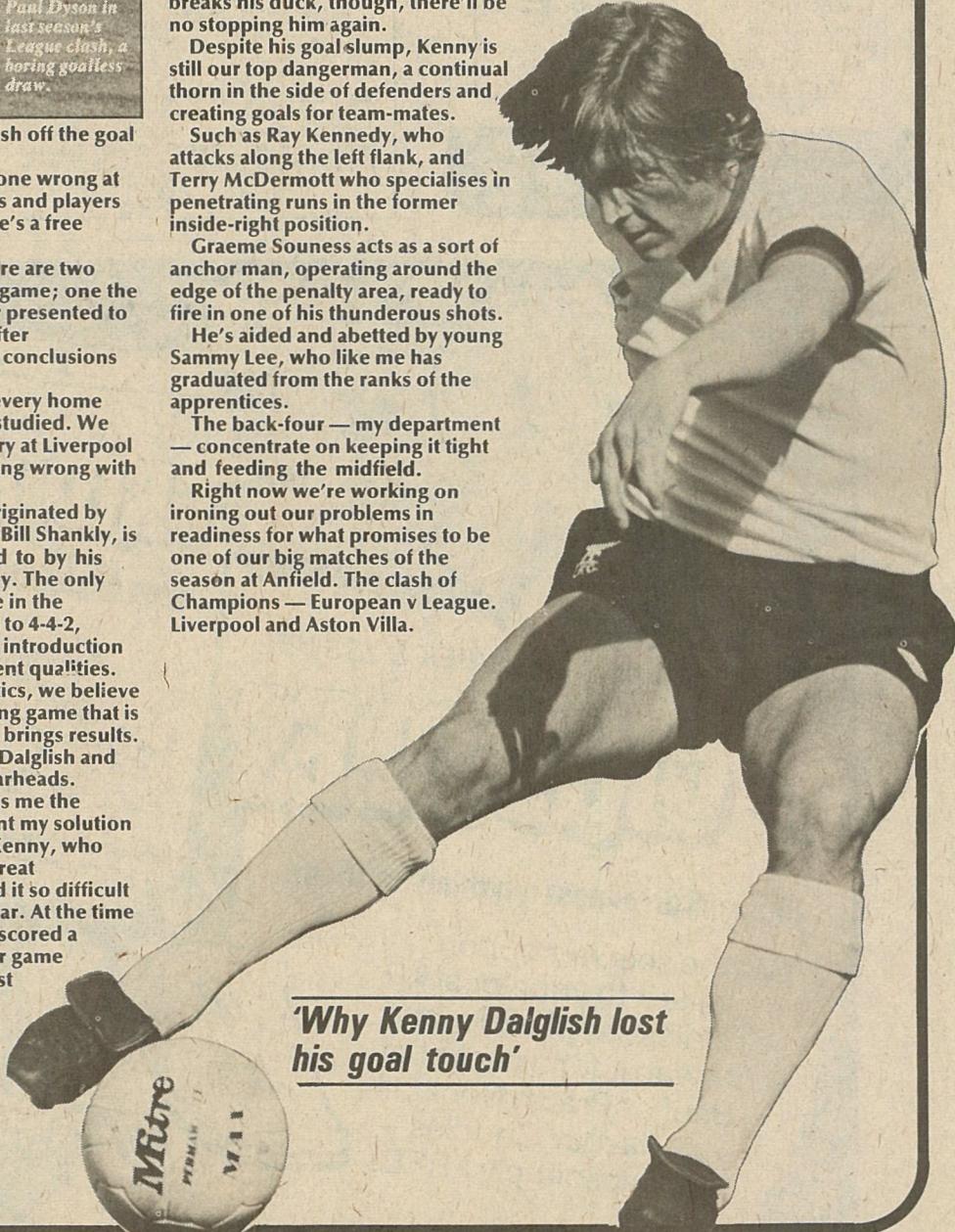
In mid-week we visit Coventry City, always a difficult ground for us, determined to wipe out a bad memory from last season. City retreated, under orders, into their own half, inviting us to attack in the hope we'd leave spaces.

To our discredit, we played safe and stayed in our half, which created a stalemate. During the rest of the season, at appropriate times when we needed gelling-up, the boss reminded us of the 'Highfield hold-up'.

There's no way we'll ever repeat that performance!

John Shankly

'Why Kenny Dalglish lost his goal touch'



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If you pick up only four or five points from your first four games, it doesn't seem quite so bad if Liverpool have had a similarly stuttering start. So while United's early form hasn't been particularly satisfying, it's some consolation that Liverpool, not to mention Villa and Ipswich, didn't start with a bang either.

Liverpool are still the yardstick for other teams. If you end the season above them you won't have done badly — so if you keep pace with the European Champions chances are you'll still be on target for something.

Manchester United can win the League — so can half a dozen other teams, even if they've had a disappointing opening few weeks.

You wouldn't write off Liverpool, Ipswich or Villa even if they lost four on the trot.

This isn't to say I'm not worried about United's early form. Some-

one to take my place there's little I can do about it. My attitude is, as I said in a recent column, to try and play so well that Ron Atkinson can't do without me.

The manager has his own ideas about the sort of team he wants and has already bought John Gidman and Frank Stapleton. It's possibly easier for John to settle down as a full-back. Frank's a quality player, though, and it won't take him long to build up an understanding with Garry Birtles.

Garry's goal-drought has received a lot of publicity and it's a credit to

'UNITED CAN STILL WIN THE LEAGUE'



**RAY
WILKINS**

Writes for you

thing has been missing from our game, probably confidence. Ron Atkinson has been far from happy with our general pattern of play, especially that we've let opponents dictate the play.

When things start to go wrong people tend to look for certain areas and our midfield has been criticised.

We haven't had a ball-winner since Nobby Stiles.

Ball-winner

We finished second in the League a couple of seasons ago without a ball-winner; not to mention three visits to Wembley.

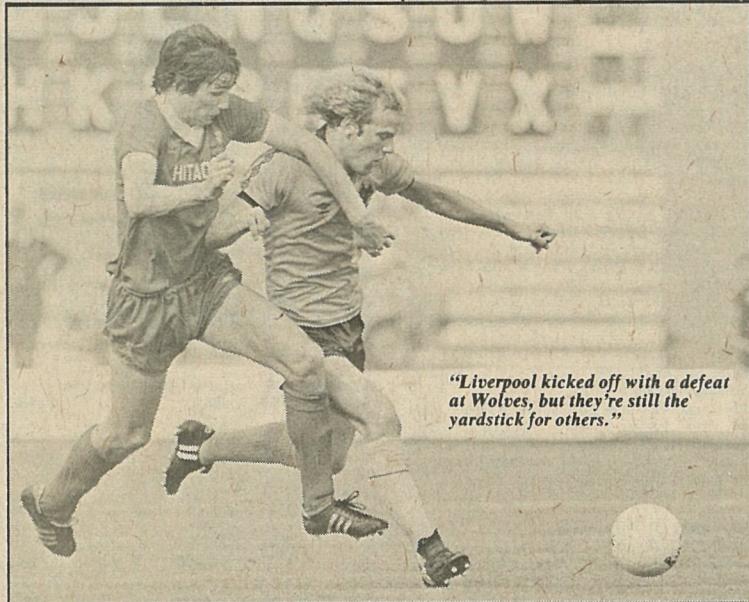
All the same it's fair comment that we haven't won the ball back as well as we could, even without a recognised tackler. And we haven't punished teams once we're in possession.

Someone remarked that the United that finishes 1981/82 will probably be somewhat different from the one that's started the season and he's probably right.

Hardly a day has gone by when the back pages of the paper haven't carried a story that so-and-so's coming to Old Trafford.

We're all experienced enough not to let this speculation worry us. Obviously I've thought about my future, but I haven't been losing sleep. If the club want to sign some-

RIGHT . . . "A disappointing first game at Old Trafford — a 0-0 draw against Forest."



"Liverpool kicked off with a defeat at Wolves, but they're still the yardstick for others."

the guy that he doesn't appear to let it get him down. In his defence, the service to him hasn't been what it should have been.

I remember when I was at Chelsea under Eddie McCreadie and I went through a nightmare two months. Nothing I hit went to a blue shirt and my confidence dipped alarmingly.

I started to pass the ball over shorter distances, rather than attempting 40-yard passes, and slowly but surely things improved.

I'm not sure that a spell in the reserves is the answer to a player off-form. It can have an adverse

effect and dent his confidence even more.

I believe once Garry scores one or two League goals they'll start to come regularly. We're learning to play the ball to his feet, as opposed to his head, and while Frank is as good as Joe Jordan was in the air, he, too, can be devastating on the ground.

The fans have been marvellous to Garry. They haven't got on his back and have showed remarkable understanding.

What's impressed me about Garry is that he hasn't lost the will to want to go in where it hurts — and he's



been unbelievably unlucky at times.

One striker who's back in the headlines after a lean time last season is Bob Latchford. His Swansea visit Old Trafford this Saturday and while I hope he has a blank day, I'm pleased to see the former Everton striker amongst the goals again.

John Toshack has picked up a bargain for £125,000. Bob missed much of last season with injury, but already this term has shown he still has much to offer.

So, it appears, do Swansea. I wasn't surprised they began the season by beating Leeds, but the 5-1 scoreline must have made everyone sit up and take notice.

There's plenty of experience in the Swansea side, vital at a time like this. I also think Tosh made a shrewd buy in Colin Irwin, their captain, whose Liverpool 'apprenticeship' has ensured he's been brought up on the right habits.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Ray Wilkins

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Saturday, August 29

First Division

ARSENAL (0) 0	
STOKE (1) 1 (Chapman)	28,212
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine (Vaessen), O'Leary, Young, Sansom, Nicholas, Talbot, Rix, Davis, Sunderland, McDermott.	
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Doyle, O'Callaghan, Hampton, Griffiths, Dodd, Bracewell, McGuire, Heath, Chapman.	
ASTON VILLA (0) 0	
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch)	30,097
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught (Blair), Mortimer, Bremner, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Morley.	
Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Harkouk (Goodwin), Richards, Chiedozie, McCulloch, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.	
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Whitton, Bodak)	
MAN UTD (1) 1 (Macari)	20,050
Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Dyson, Gillespie, Roberts, Daly, Jacobs, Hunt, Bodak, Thompson, Whitton.	
Man Utd: Bailey, Gidman, McQueen, Buchan, Alibiston, Wilkins, Macari, McIlroy, Coppell, Stapleton, Birtles.	
EVERTON (1) 3 (Ainscow, Eastoe, Biley)	
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Van Mierlo)	33,045
Everton: Arnold, Wright, Bailey, Walsh, Lyons, Thomas, Ainscow, Eastoe, Biley, Hartford, Ross.	
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Broadhurst, Hawker, Todd, Brocker (Handysides), Dillon, Evans, Gemmill, Van Mierlo.	
IPSWICH (0) 3 (Wark, Gates 2)	
SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Ritchie, Buckley 2)	24,060
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, Osman, Butcher, McCall, Thijssen, Wark, Muhrer, Gates, Marinier, Brazil.	
Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Munro, Buckley, Chisholm, Rowell, Pickering, Brown (McCoist), Ritchie.	
MAN CITY (2) 2 (Hutchison, Tueart)	
WEST BROM (0) 1 (Mills pen)	36,187
Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Caton (Henry), O'Neill, Tueart, Boyer, Hutchison, Reeves.	
West Brom: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Mills, Deehan, Lowery (Cross), McKenzie.	
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Otto)	
TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Falco, Hoddle, Villa)	20,464
Middlesbrough: Platt, Cragg, Nattrass, Baxter, Bolton, Hedley, McAndrew, Otto, MacDonald, Shearer (Hodgson), Woof.	
Tottenham: Clemence, Perryman, Price, Miller, Hughton, Hoddle, Ardiles, Villa, Brooke, Falco, Galvin.	
NOTTM FOR (2) 2 (Francis 2)	
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Keegan)	25,236
Nottingham: Shilton, Anderson, Burns, Aas, Gray, Francis, McGovern, Proctor, Robertson, Ward, Fashanu.	
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Nicholl (Puckett), Waldron, Holmes, Williams, Ball, Baker, Moran, Keegan, Channon.	
SWANSEA (1) 5 (Charles, Latchford 3, Curtis)	
LEEDS (1) 1 (Parlane)	23,489
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Habidiadzic, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Charles, Latchford.	
Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Graham, Parlane, Gray (E), Barnes.	
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Stewart pen)	
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (McNab pen)	30,468
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Bonds, Martin, Lampard, Neighbour, Pike, Allen, Devonshire, Goddard, Cross.	
Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Foster, Stevens, Williams, Case, Grealish, McNab, Ryan, Ritchie (Smith), Robinson.	
WOLVES (0) 1 (Matthews)	
LIVERPOOL (0) 0	28,001
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Gallagher, Villazan, Birch, Hibbitt (Bell), Gray, Clarke, Matthews.	
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R) (Johnston), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.	

Second Division

BARNSLEY (2) 4 (Aylott 2, Parker, Banks pen)	
SHREWSBURY (0) 0	13,344
Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylott, McHale, Barrowclough.	
Shrewsbury: Wardle, Leonard, Johnstone, Betts, Griffin, Kaye, Tong (Dungworth), McNally, Bates, Atkins, Cross.	

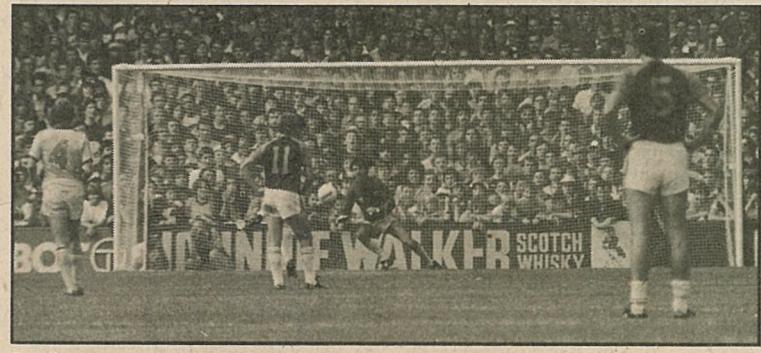
BLACKBURN (0) 0	
SHEFF WED (1) (Curran)	14,980
Blackburn: Gennoe, Hamilton, Rathbone, Speight, Keeley, Fazakerley, Miller, Burke, Lowey (Stonehouse), Crawford, Brotherton.	
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Shirliff, Taylor, Megson, Mirocevic, Bannister, McCulloch, Curran.	
CHELSEA (2) 2 (Lee, Droy)	16,606
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Droy, Pates, Rose, Bumstead (Driver), Vilijnen, Fillery, Walker, Mayes, Lee.	
Bolton: McDonagh, Nicholson, McElhinney, Jones, Brennan, Gowling, Cantello, Reid, Thomas, Thompson, Hogan.	
C. PALACE (2) 2 (Hinshelwood 2 (2 pens))	
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Spriggs pen)	11,201
Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Cannon, Gilbert (Hughes), Dare, Price, Smillie, Murphy, Hilaire, Walsh, Langley.	
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Reilly, Fallon, Murray, O'Neill, Gibbins, Spriggs, Finney, Lyons, Streete.	

DERBY (0) 1 (Hector)	
ORIENT (1) 2 (Taylor (P), Jennings)	12,423
Derby: Jones, Coop, Richards, Powell (S), Ramage, Hector, Spooner, Reid, Wilson (Emery), Swindlehurst, Emson.	
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Margerison (Mayo), Godfrey, Moores, Jennings, Bowles, Taylor (P).	
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Kilmore, Drinkell)	
LEICESTER (1) 2 (Lineker, Melrose)	11,032
Grimsbay: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broily (Ford), Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Kilmore.	
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake (Smith), May, O'Neil, Lynex, Melrose, Lineker, Wilson, MacDonal.	

LUTON (2) 3 (Donaghy, McAllister (o.g.), White)	
CHARLTON (0) 0	8,776
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Saxby, Donaghy, Atzlewood, Hill, Horton, Antic, Stein, White, Ingram.	
Charlton: Phillips (J), Naylor, McAllister, Phillips (L), Harrison, Walker, Lansdowne, Gritt, Ferns, Hales, Walsh.	
NEWCASTLE (0) 0	
WATFORD (1) 1 (Callaghan)	19,376
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Halliday, Barton, Davies, Trewick, Wharton, Walker, Shoulder, Varadi, Waddle.	
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Bolton, Sims, Henderson, Callaghan, Bissell, Taylor, Jackett, Armstrong, Poskett.	

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Clements, Palmer)	
CARDIFF (1) 2 (Stevens, Dwyer)	4,383
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair (Heaton), Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Futcher, Wyld, Atkinson, Steel, Palmer, McDonough.	
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Grapes, Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.	
ROTHERHAM (2) 4 (Fern 2, Seasman, Moore)	
NORWICH (1) 1 (Paddon)	8,919
Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Taylor, Green, Stancliffe, Mullen, Towner, Seasman, Moore, Fern, Henson.	
Norwich: Woods, Barham, Muzinic (Nightingale), McGuire, Walford, Watson, Mendham, Shepherd, Bertschin, Paddon, Bennett.	

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Edwards)	
Q.P.R. (2) 3 (King, Allen, Jones (o.g.))	4,661
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Hill, Jones, Davis, Cegielsky, Cartwright (Buxton), Fox, McNeil, Edwards, Vinter, Carrud.	
Q.P.R.: Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Hazell, Roeder, Flanagan, Francis, King, Allen, Stainrod.	
SWINDON (1) 4 (Carter, Graham, Hughes, Greenwood)	
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Ketteridge)	5,632



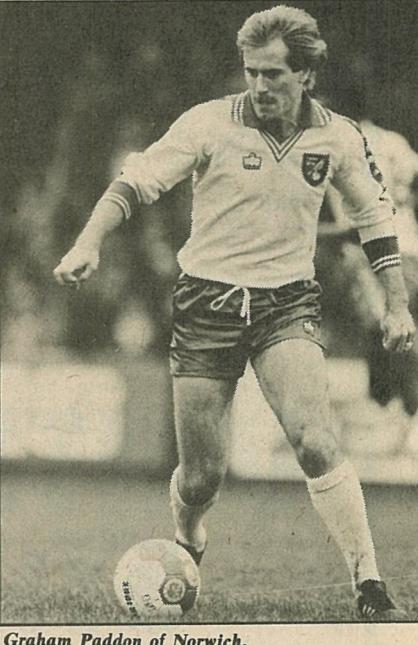
Ray Stewart scores a penalty for West Ham against Brighton.

Third Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Curle, Williams (D))	
CHESTER (2) 2 (Needham, Oakes)	5,554
CARLISLE (2) 2 (Lee, Robson)	
BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Harford, Mann)	3,930
DONCASTER (0) 0	
READING (0) 1 (Earles)	4,192
FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies)	
BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Tucker pen, Brown (o.g.))	7,632
GILLINGHAM (1) 3 (Price, Laws (o.g.), Lee)	
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Taylor)	4,663
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Kindon pen)	
EXETER (1) 1 (Pratt)	8,647



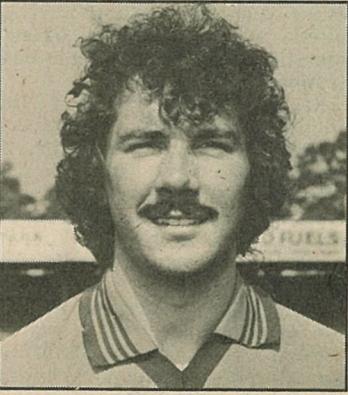
Huddersfield's Steve Kindon.



Graham Paddon of Norwich.

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT 0	
DARLINGTON 0	1,918
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Blair, Morris)	
STOCKPORT (0) 0	4,556
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Morgan, Dawtry)	
CREWE (0) 0	3,244
BRADFORD CITY (2) 3 (Campbell 2, Black)	
WIGAN (3) 3 (Evans 2, Bradd)	4,229
BURY (3) 3 (Madden, Hilton (P), Johnson)	
ROCHDALE (0) 0	3,925
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Harding)	
COLCHESTER (2) 3 (Bremner 2, Packer pen)	2,007
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Heeley)	
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Green)	2,064
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Kellock pen)	
MANSFIELD (0) 0	4,310
PORT VALE 0	
HALIFAX 0	3,382
SHEFF UTD (2) 2 (Neville, Matthews)	
HEREFORD (0) 2 (Phillips, Laidlaw)	11,906
TORQUAY (0) 2 (Hodge, Cooper)	
HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie)	2,651
TRANMERE (0) 0	
YORK (1) 2 (Walwyn, Hood)	1,850



York City's Derek Hood.

Garry Thompson has set himself a target — "be greedier and shoot more often." The lithe, lean striker of Coventry City and England Under-21's says: "In no way am I satisfied with last season's first team tally of 15 goals.

"Gordon Milne, who has done so much for me, always says 'Every season you look to improve on the one before' and that is just about the best advice in football. Now that Dave Sexton is in charge of the team, we know already that we have one of the best coaches in the game.

"Dave concentrates on skill levels all the time and works every player very hard. He was quick to pick up the fact that I don't shoot as often as I should and has been making me practise for hours, especially on my 'dodgy' left foot.

"He has so many good ideas that life at Coventry is really exciting. All the lads feel that we must become better professionals — and that applies to me just as much as anyone else. My first aim is to match last season's 15 goals — and then start counting!"

The 21-year-old striker's first full season established him as number one marksman at Coventry and an England Under-21 international with three caps, including a goal on his debut against Rumania. Many players would have just ridden the

Thompson (above, right) powers in to score against Stoke last season.

wave from that point but Garry says: "I want more and more for myself and that takes me back to Gordon's point.

"At the end of last season, we sat down together and went right through my matches. We picked out at least six or seven more goals that I should have scored and that doesn't count those chances I laid off.

"I can see that sometimes team-mates are better positioned and have more chance on the ball — but there were times, too, last season when I should have taken on defences and gone for goal myself. Now I have to be greedier . . . but not greedy!"

Thompson gave one of the most fabled performances of last season in that dramatic League Cup Semi-Final first-leg against West Ham. He gave the London side the lead at Highfield Road with an own-goal; then inspired his own side with a magical performance at the other end of the pitch to score twice in Coventry's brilliant win.



"Even now, people still come up to me in the street to talk about that game. It was certainly the best match of my life so far . . . the pity of it was that we didn't go on and complete the job. We played badly at West Ham in the return and, of course, lost our way.

"Looking back now, we went into that game just a little bit too cocky. We were in sight of Wembley and we thought we were going to get there for the first time in the club's history. It was a bitter disappointment when we failed."

Not only did they crash at that hurdle — but at every other in the weeks that followed. Match after match was lost until Coventry's First Division status swung on its hinges. Only a last ditch spurt over the last two weeks produced the points to stay up — with Garry's three goals in the last four matches proving vital.

"When it was all over, we went on a tour to Hong Kong and looked closely at what had happened. We had a lot of time together and that trip did us the world of good in sorting out our problems. Now we hope that the people of Coventry will see the benefits," says Garry.

"We know that we have to be more consistent; we know that we have to grow up; we are keenly aware that the time is long overdue for Coventry 'to win something'. This season, I really fancy our chances of going all the way in one of the Cups."

Coventry's side is packed with

GREEDIER GARRY GOES FOR GOALS

exciting, talented young players like Garry — Paul Dyson, Gary Gillespie, Steve Whitton and Peter Bodak. All of them are just into regular First Division football at an early age: now they are intent on prospering under the eagle eye of Dave Sexton.

It was the ironic twist to the opening day of the new season that Coventry, who struggled frantically in those final weeks, beat Manchester United who won their last seven matches . . . under the manager whom United fired following that outstanding run!

"We want so much to follow on now," says Garry who should confirm himself this season as one of the most gifted young strikers in British football. If so, he will say a few words of thanks to his sister, Blondelle, a former international high hurdler.

Garry's own athleticism is obviously a family inheritance but he says: "My sister did so much to help me improve my pace and fitness. I went training with her and the concentration on track skills of stamina and pace definitely gave me an extra edge."



BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, September 19th

Liverpool v Villa

VILLA have won only once in their last 13 League visits to Anfield, and when that victory came in November, 1977, it was quite a shock, being Liverpool's first defeat in a run of 32 home games.

It won't be such a surprise if the League Champions pull off a victory this time out — their 58th League visit to Anfield — but it will still be a turn of the tide, for since that 2-1 win Aston Villa have lost 3-0, 4-1 and 2-1 on this famous ground.

Aston Villa's biggest win at Anfield was back in November, 1914, when an exciting attack led by one of their greatest centre-forwards, Harry Hampton, over-ran The Reds' defence to the tune of 5-1 before the interval. Liverpool recovered to 5-3, but Villa eventually won 6-3.

Tottenham v Everton

EVERTON have developed quite a liking for White Hart Lane in recent years, having drawn five and won one of their last seven League visits. Their only defeat in this period was 3-0 in April, 1980, when they were struggling to avoid relegation.

Only last April Everton shocked Spurs by taking a 2-0 lead at White Hart Lane, but on this occasion the Londoners fought back after the interval and deserved to snatch a point with goals by Garth Crooks and Tony Galvin. This was their fifth draw in the six meetings since Spurs returned to the First Division in 1978.

Leeds v Arsenal

IT was only last season that Arsenal inflicted upon Leeds United their biggest home defeat ever when The Gunners ran out 5-0 winners at Elland Road. Leeds have since got over that humiliation and held Arsenal to a goalless draw at Highbury, so it is doubtful whether we shall see another such debacle this Saturday.

Arsenal have now gone four seasons without losing at Elland Road, for United's last home victory was 2-1 in 1976-77.

Notts County v Ipswich

HOW times have changed since these two clubs last met in the Second Division 23 years ago. Indeed, how times have changed since Notts County walloped Ipswich Town 9-2 in an amazing match at Meadow Lane in September, 1948 when the County's star-studded attack was led by the inimitable Tommy Lawton. Tommy bashed home four goals in that game.

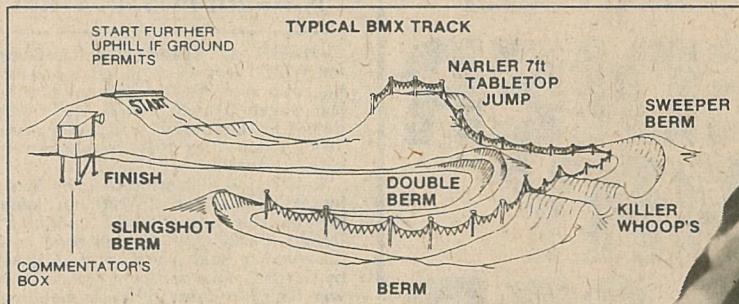
West Brom v West Ham

WEST HAM haven't scored a goal in their last four League games at The Hawthorns, but they have collected two points in that spell in goalless draws. Bobby Howe was the last Hammer to score at West Bromwich — in a 2-1 defeat in September, 1970.

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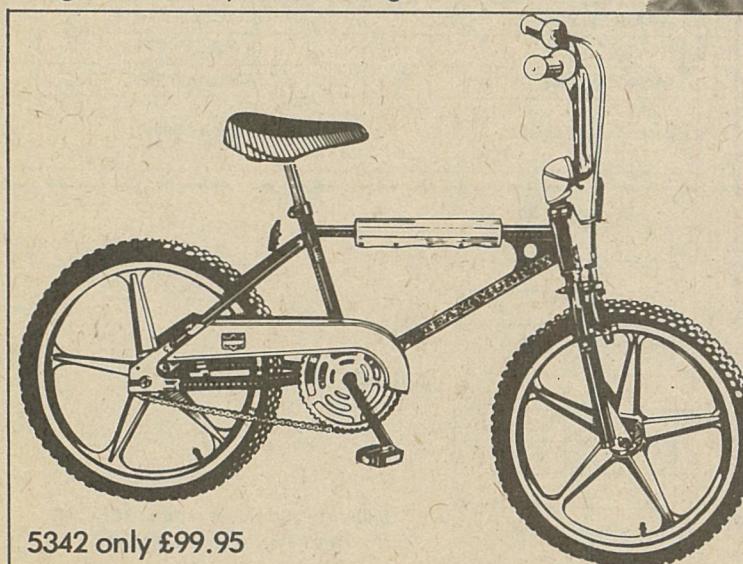
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CELTIC'S 'OTHER' BILLY McNEILL

THE 'new' Billy McNeill of Scottish football has been introduced to the Celtic fans by the 'old' Billy McNeill!

Amazingly, it seems as though the present Parkhead manager has found the player who will bring to an end the problems that have haunted that number five position since his retirement eight seasons ago.

A whole list of players have been tried, including Johannes Edvaldsson, Frank Munro, Roderick MacDonald, Roy Aitken and Tom McAdam among others, but it looks as though the talented babe who could win the hearts of the Celtic faithful is an 18-year-old, flame-haired starlet who played for Drumchapel Amateurs only a year ago.

His name is Davie Moyes and manager McNeill brought him into his first team plans for the League Cup-tie against Hibs at Parkhead earlier in the season.

McNeill had paid out £40,000 for Willie Garner from Aberdeen, but the former Pittodrie pivot was a bit short of the top League sharpness that is required at Parkhead, and after scoring two own-goals in the opening tie against St. Mirren on his Glasgow debut and suffering in the shock 2-0 defeat from little St. Johnstone at Muirton, he was given a rest.

The Celtic supremo brought Moyes into his top squad as a replacement and the youngster almost had the first team baptism that belongs in comics.

Moyes recalls: "We were playing Hibs at Parkhead when Tom McAdam took a knock and had to go off in the second-half.

"Mr. McNeill calmly told me to

strip and take his place and I didn't get the chance to become nervous.

"I hadn't even kicked the ball when we won a corner-kick on the right and I moved upfield for the set-piece.

"It was a well struck corner, swinging away from the defence, and I reached the ball just in time to outjump the Hibs defenders and send the ball goalwards."

Alas for young Davie his moment of glory was shortlived. His rocketing header struck teammate Frank McGarvey on the knee and was diverted over the bar!

Great faith

"Frank apologised later," says Davie, "But it was just one of those things. There was no way he could get out of the way."

Billy McNeill has great faith in the ability and character of his teenage centre-half, but there's no way he will be rushing him.

"We are always encouraging young talent to come through the ranks," says McNeill. "That's where the future of this club lies.

"Last season it was the turn of Pat Bonner, Mark Reid and Charlie Nicholas to come through. If you're good enough you'll get your place at Celtic, age doesn't come into it. But we'll always be selective about the games in which we play the youngsters until we are certain they are ready."

Davie Moyes — the 'new' Billy McNeill? The 'old' Billy McNeill is certain the youngster will be known as the 'first' Davie Moyes.

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team then I know I will be doing my job for my club.

"Spain? If I got there with Scotland it would mean I have played well for Rangers and that is important to me."

Cooper hasn't really made the impact on the international front that was once predicted, but his form since the start of this season has been something of a revelation.

He has been training hard since even before the start of the season and is now in peak condition. The one thing about the 25-year-old speedy winger is the way he always likes to be involved in the action.

Cooper readily admits that he doesn't go to see the Scottish international team . . . even when they are playing at nearby Hampden Park.

"The last time I saw Scotland playing was against Italy in Glasgow in '65 when I was nine years old," he says.

Ironically, Cooper saw his present boss, John Greig, score the only goal of that game, a World Cup-tie.

Pressure

Celtic's serpentine-weaving Davie Provan, Nottingham Forest's wily John Robertson and Aberdeen's marauding Peter Weir are also putting pressure on Jock Stein for the flank positions, but Cooper says: "They are all good players, but I'm only interested in Davie Cooper and Rangers players. It's as simple as that."

Cooper — signed for Rangers by Jock Wallace from Clydebank four years ago for £100,000 — could have been thrilling English audiences today. Arsenal and Aston Villa were both keen to sign him from the part-time Kilbowie club, but he was in no rush to leave Scotland and quite happily settled for a career with Rangers.

Tommy Docherty admits: "Yes, I watched the lad during his days with Clydebank and I was manager of Manchester United. I fancied him strongly and wanted him for Old Trafford.

"At the time we had Gordon Hill on the left wing and I wanted Davie for the outside right position. That right foot of his was a thing of beauty and I knew he could do a good job in English soccer.

"It wasn't to be, though, and instead I bought Steve Coppell."

Cooper's erratic form in the past has exhausted and exasperated the Ibrox fans, but the man known as 'Bjorn' at Ibrox because of his love for tennis, is now well and truly on the road to fame and riches.

Rangers, his first love, will undoubtedly benefit. Will Scotland? We'll have to wait and see, but manager John Greig has the final word.

"A player like Davie Cooper should never be out of a country's international plans," says Greig. "I've told him that. The rest is up to him."



Celtic's Davie Provan (dark shirt) is one of Scotland's fine wingers battling for a 1982 World Cup Finals place.

Chelsea Crisis, part two

THINK BIG-OR DIE

IF Chelsea are to rise from the ashes of a crisis which has threatened to put them out of business as a world renowned football club, they must recapture the ambition and happiness which surged through Stamford Bridge when Peter Osgood was sending the fans wild ten years ago.

They have no hope of winning promotion to the First Division and staying up with the other big clubs unless they abandon penny-pinching ways, shop courageously in the transfer market for quality players, and start to "think big".

These are the remedies for hoisting Chelsea back to the big time recommended by one of the former golden boys of Stamford Bridge, Ian Hutchinson.

"Hutch", who confesses that he has remained in love with the club since quitting football through serious leg injuries, says the fall of Chelsea is one of the tragedies of modern soccer.

He claims the crisis is a combination of bad management at boardroom level and poor player management.

"It started to go rotten about 1973," claims Hutchinson, who

runs the Union Inn, Old Windsor with his former Chelsea team-mate Peter Osgood.

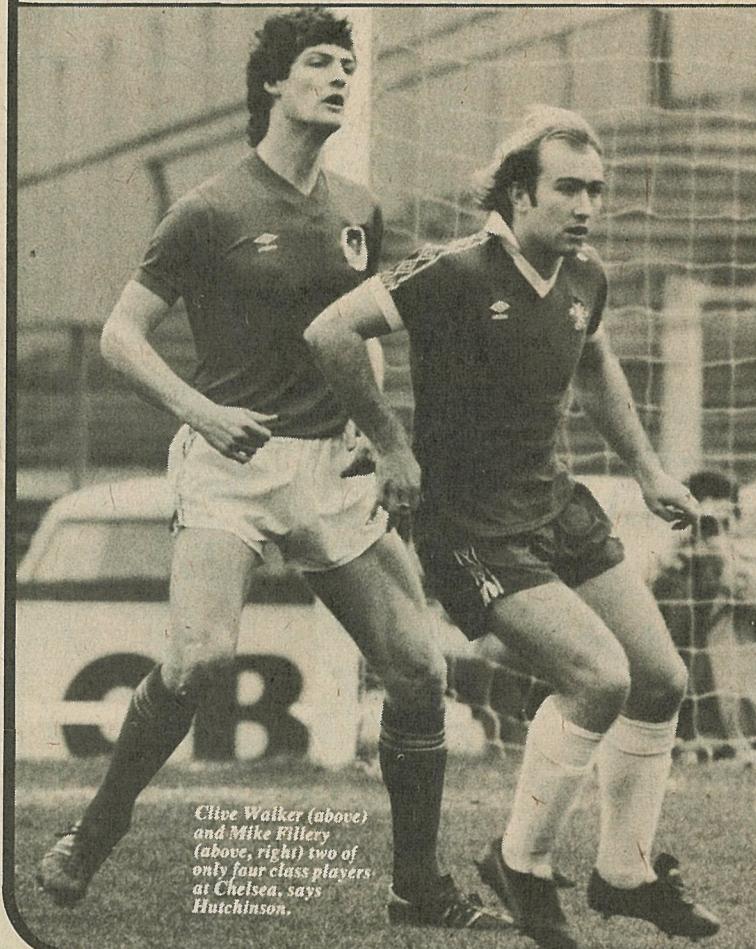
"Before that Peter Bonetti, Ron Harris, Alan Hudson, John Hollins, Ossie and Charlie Cooke had made Chelsea great, with David Webb, Peter Houseman, Eddie McCreadie and me making large contributions in lesser roles.

"I reckon Dave Sexton's ideas of management at that time were five years ahead of most managers. His tactical knowledge was superb — and the players respected him.

"Then we lost ground and the problems started. Dave was dishing out fines left, right and centre. I remember one scene which became a trial of strength between Dave and his players. The board backed Dave, and Ossie, Huddie, Cookie, Paddy Mulligan and others were off-loaded."

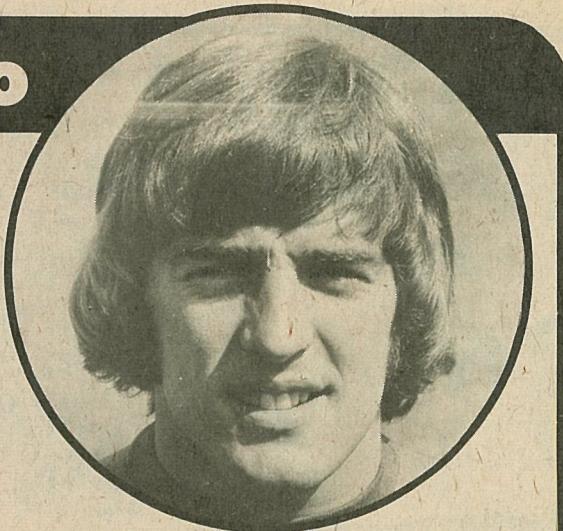
Hutchinson remains convinced that Chelsea's problems stem largely from inefficiency at boardroom level.

"The biggest mistake they ever made was to build that stand. £2½ million spent on a building which lacks so many amenities. There are no saunas, no squash courts, hardly any office space, simply two dressing rooms, a restaurant and directors lounge.



Clive Walker (above) and Mike Fillery (above, right) two of only four class players at Chelsea, says Hutchinson.

Former Chelsea star Ian Hutchinson (right).



"Brian Mears, then chairman, bit off more than he could chew."

He praised George Thomson for his progressive ideas in the boardroom — "a players man was George," — but mourns his retirement.

Even such a household name as film star Dickie Attenborough is discussed as a "lovely man who knows little about football."

The ex-Chelsea striker reckons new manager John Neal will need a fair degree of luck to steer Chelsea to promotion.

"I have the highest regard for him but he's got problems. Their penny-pinching ways are terrible. They use pensioners and boys to paint the white lines by hand, and rather than buy weedkiller they sent out staff to work on the pitch with knives and forks.

"I well remember the disastrous decision to economise on pre-match preparation. In the great days we'd fly to places like Newcastle. Suddenly fights were stopped and we had to go by coach on the morning of the games to places as far away as Wolverhampton.

'Routine'

"Under Dave Sexton, our home match routine was to meet at the Montana Hotel, Gloucester Road for a steak or fish lunch, followed by rice pudding. Dave would give us a team talk and by the time we went out on the pitch we were mentally prepared to give anyone a game.

"That was stopped. We simply reported to the ground an hour before kick-off and there were no team talks. We inherited Third Division club thinking almost overnight — and it nearly killed the club."

Hutchinson is critical of the first team squad this season, claiming that only Borota, Droy, Walker and Fillery are First Division material.

"But then can you blame the others, who have been messed about by a succession of managers? John Neal will help Britton, Burnstead, Nutton, Chivers and Pates become better players.

"They need a Trevor Brooking in midfield. I think you'll see Neal buying before too long — if he can squeeze some money from Chief Executive Martin Spencer."

The most urgent need is for the restoration of a once successful youth policy, insists Hutchinson.



"A lot of the coaches have gone and the whole thing has been run down for economic reasons. Unless they can get the Hudsons and Osgoods coming through the youth ranks they will never be a great club again."

"Tommy Docherty did a marvellous job when he managed Chelsea. The youth policy was superb. Now it leaves a lot to be desired."

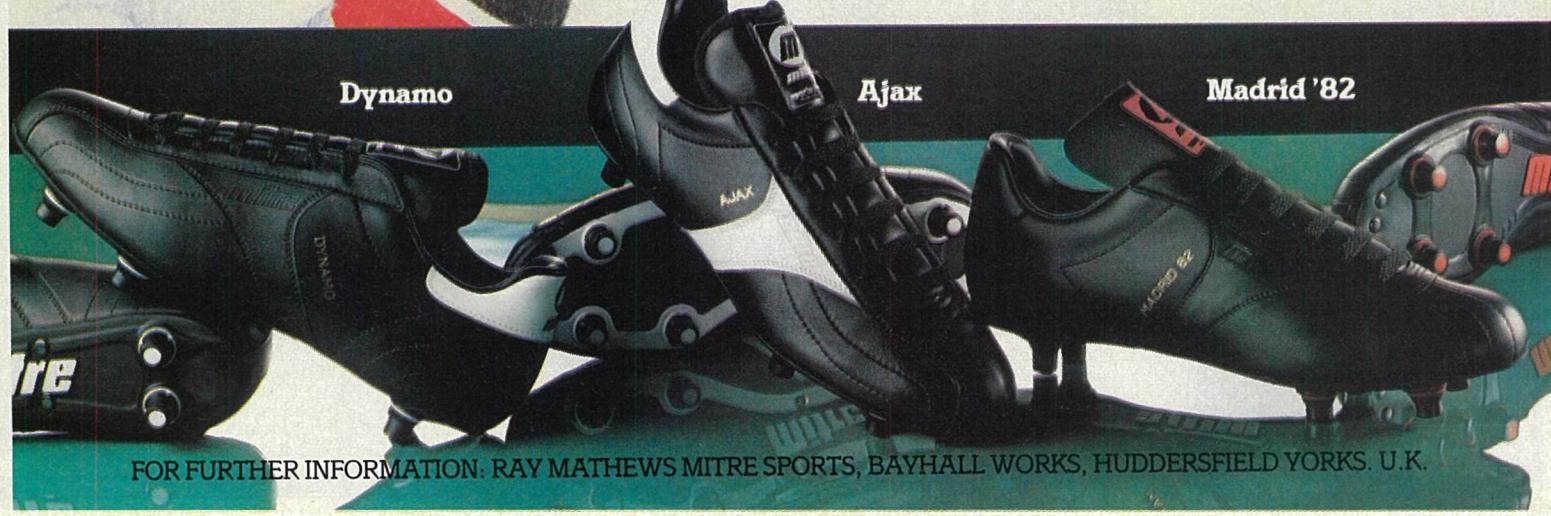
"I'll never forget Ken Shellito, Danny Blanchflower's predecessor, saying on television that Trevor Aylott, a young striker, had the 'touch of Hutch' and 'the class of Osgood'. Fancy building up a kid like that after a game or two. Aylott now plays for Barnsley."

"My criticisms are made in the hope that some sense will again prevail at Stamford Bridge. We all still love Chelsea. If Ossie could have got on with Geoff Hurst, he'd still be there if they wanted him."

Hopefully, Chelsea's board will heed Ian Hutchinson's lament. They might disagree with his sentiments, but they would be wrong to condemn him as a disgruntled player digging-up dirt.



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HONOURS EVEN

So often in the past, the F.A. Charity Shield has been a let down for the supporters and football. But the 1981 game at Wembley between Football League Champions Aston Villa and F.A. Cup holders Tottenham produced some outstanding moments as the teams drew 2-2 in front of a record 92,500.



Tottenham and Aston Villa players join together and have the traditional press photographs after the exciting 2-2 draw.



Wembley has a habit of producing unknowns who become heroes overnight and this year was no exception. Tottenham's Mark Falco (above, centre) became the star with two fine goals. Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer (left) and Tottenham's Steve Perryman collect the Charity Shield together.



WHEN Liverpool manager Bob Paisley splashed out £900,000 during the close-season for Brighton's Mark Lawrenson the defence and midfield at Anfield were worried, because it is generally accepted that the talented Republic of Ireland international can play in any of the eight positions.

The first player, however, to be displaced by the new arrival was last season's European Cup Final hero Alan Kennedy.

He was dropped for the opening games of the season against Wolves, Middlesbrough and Arsenal.

"It seems incredible," says Kennedy. "My last competitive game for the club was our European Cup Final triumph against Real Madrid in Paris, and then I was axed for the first match this season.

"I'm not saying I had a divine right to start the 1981-82 campaign but I thought Mr Paisley would show faith in me.

Kennedy, would he insist on a move?

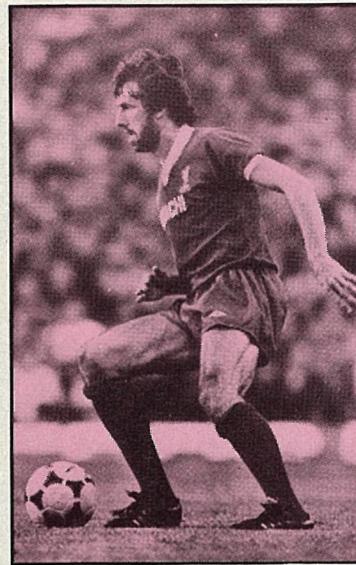
"I would like to think I could push Lawrenson to believe he was not an automatic choice in that position.

"I have enough confidence in my ability. I'm still the best left-back at the club. I would like to think the manager believes the same.

"In the past I have been threatened by Joey Jones, Emlyn Hughes, Avi Cohen and Richard Money but still managed to keep my place.

"I am sure I can see off the challenge from Lawrenson.

"I have a lot to offer Liverpool Football Club and I can honestly



say I am in no rush to leave and will fight like mad to regain my position in the side.

"Obviously if the situation continues I will insist on discussing it with Bob Paisley.

"If I was forced to leave Anfield, I would hope a First Division club would be interested because I've spent my League career in the First and have no desire to drop a Division.

"Before I joined Liverpool in 1979 I had played with Newcastle United while they were still with the elite."

With that sort of attitude it could mean Mark Lawrenson pushing for another position as Kennedy once again becomes a regular in the Liverpool side.

The arrival of Mark Lawrenson (left) at Liverpool has meant there is no place in the team for Alan Kennedy, the hero of the hour in Paris when he scored the only goal in the European Cup Final.

'I'M THE BEST'

Insists Liverpool's axed star Alan Kennedy

"In fact, apart from Ray Clemence, who moved to Tottenham before the start of the season, I was the only player missing from the side that started against the Spanish Champions in May."

Left-back has turned out to be the problem position in the Liverpool camp. Not since Alex Lindsay in the 1970's held down the spot regularly has there been a consistent number three.

Even in Alan Kennedy's glory season, where he not only scored the winner in the European Cup Final but also hit the target at Wembley in the 1-1 drawn League Cup Final against West Ham, he and Israeli Avi Cohen shared the left-back position.

Threat

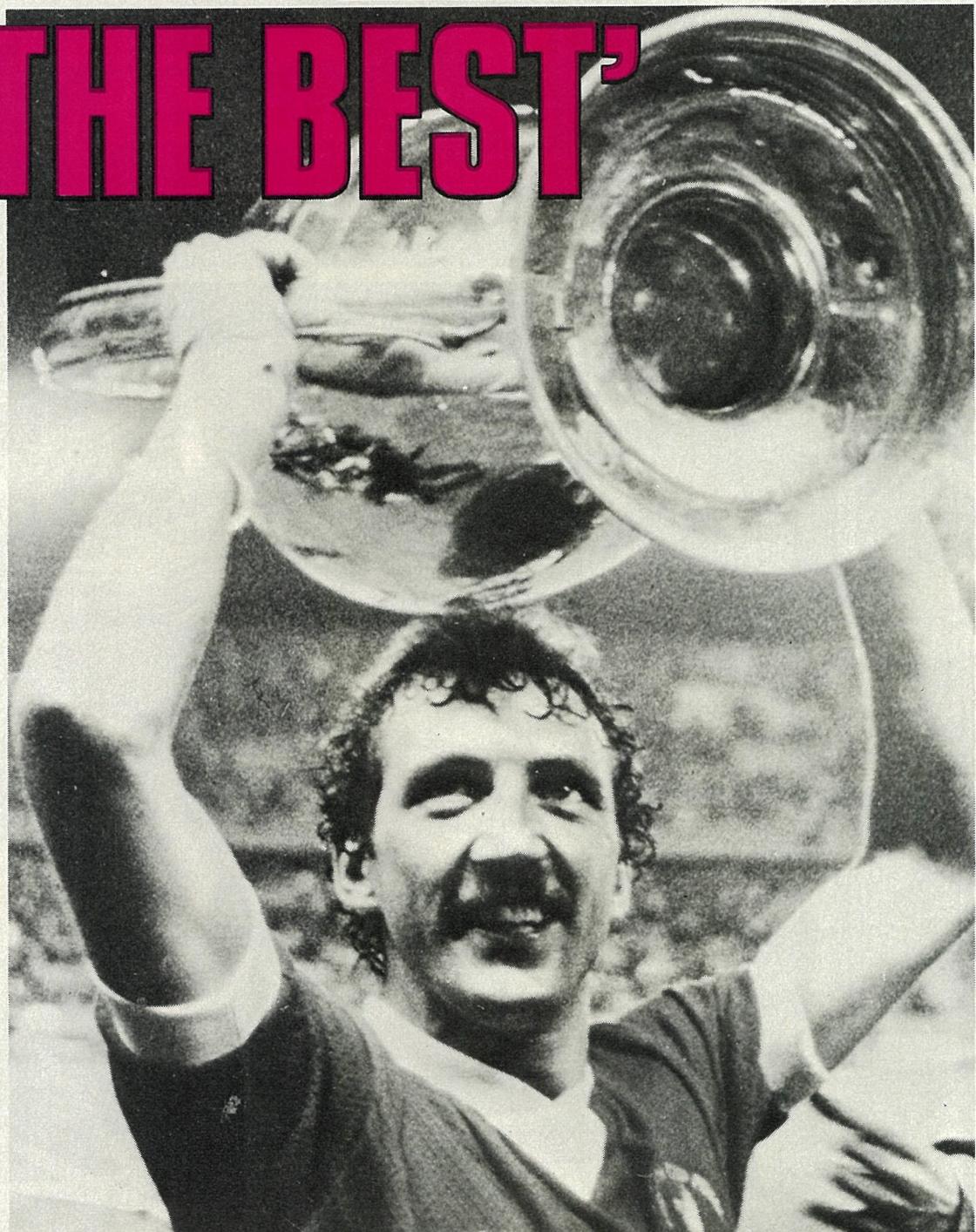
Now Kennedy has another kind of threat — that of the talented Lawrenson.

"Mark has a lot of skill," says Kennedy. "He was a shrewd acquisition by the manager during the close-season.

"He must obviously strengthen our squad enormously. He and our other buy, Craig Johnston, have shown they are not content with reserve team football.

"Whether Mark appears regularly in the number three shirt, and I become his understudy, is a matter only the boss can resolve."

If Paisley continues to play the former Brighton star in place of



CAPTAIN MARK'S FILLIP



Mark Smith gets the better of ex-Owl John Lowey of Blackburn Rovers on the opening day of the season.

YOUNG Mark Smith is something special even by the illustrious standards of famous Sheffield Wednesday. Smith, still only 21, is captain of the club. Jack Charlton hopes to lead proudly back to the First Division at the end of this season.

If Charlton manages the feat, he will doubtless owe much to the talents of 21-year-old Smith, one of the finest prospects in the Second Division.

Smith, a local boy, astounded everyone, including himself, when he was appointed skipper of the club towards the end of last season.

Keeping the job for the new campaign was an even bigger surprise to the youngster.

"The club signed Jim Holton during the close season and I thought he would be made captain," says Smith.

"In a way, it's strange being captain of such an experienced player as Holton. But the boss has backed me and put his faith in me, so that's enough for me."

Smith admits he has learned a great deal from having Jack Charlton, England's centre-half in the 1966 World Cup Final, as his manager.

"Playing the same position as the boss used to, has obviously been a big help," he says. "He has passed on so many useful tips."

"As regards the captaincy, it might seem it's putting a lot of pressure on a young player."

"There's little doubt that it's helped my game, helped me mature as a player. I guess that's

why the boss did it and I believe he was right."

Smith has played four times for the England Under-21 side. Yet he's been in the Wednesday team, for just over two seasons; proof indeed of the rich promise of this young Yorkshireman.

How does he regard the captaincy? "It's a great honour; it means a lot to me," he says.

"Sheffield Wednesday has such a rich footballing tradition that to be club captain, is something a local lad, as I am, only dreams about.

"It's good to have the help from other players. Really, we have 11 captains out on the field because if I make a mistake, others will tell me.

'Encourage'

"I accept that, it's how it should be. I used to shout and encourage the other lads even before I was made captain. So I don't object to others playing their part."

"I felt a few times that an older, more experienced player would have made the correct decision in a certain situation, whereas my lack of experience told. But the boss didn't seem to mind, and he backed me 100%."

"I tended to hang on to the ball too long at times and if you're a defender, you can't do that."

"So with the responsibility of captaincy, I hope I'll continue to make progress. The attitude of the other players to having such a young captain has been marvellous."

"They'll take criticism from me and that's how it should be. As long as they are playing, they don't care who is skipper."

LESS than three years ago, David Mills arrived at West Bromwich Albion with all the fanfare publicity of a £500,000 transfer: last season he was so much the missing man at The Hawthorns that first team players joked 'Where have you been, David?' when he joined the squad.

"I had to laugh. If I hadn't I would've cried," he confesses. "It's not difficult for anyone to imagine how it felt when you have trained with the reserves all week and then find yourself a late choice substitute on a Saturday."

The attacking player hailed as one of the most gifted match winners in British football did not manage more than a handful of games during the last part of the reign of Ron Atkinson at West Bromwich.

"I had 18 months of sheer misery," he says bluntly. Manager and star player were on a different wavelength and Mills, once the idol of Middlesbrough, admits: "Professionally speaking, things turned sour between us."

"Events went from bad to worse. At the end, I don't think I had any chance of a first team

"I felt that they gave me the platform I wanted — to show that I could still hit the target against top opposition. I didn't score for West Bromwich in the very few games I played last season: nor in my 15 League games during 1979-80. And that is the first time that I've encountered that experience!"

It was the departure of Peter Barnes which thrust Mills back into the first team reckoning. He agrees: "From my point of view the timing could not have been better. I'm 30 later this year and at the end of my contract."

"It all comes down to games. You are quickly forgotten in football if you are not in the first team and there aren't the references there to impress other managers. That is why it meant so much to me to get an early chance this season."

Allen, with almost a lifetime built around West Bromwich as player and manager, has promised: "I said when I took over that David would have a fair chance from me," and the talented Mills responds: "That is all I ask."

"I am absolutely determined that my career isn't going to fade away after the set-backs of these last 18 months. I have set my sights firmly on first team football and nothing is going to change it."

'ATKINSON MADE MY LIFE A MISERY'

says DAVID MILLS

place. It was never said in exactly those words but I could hardly miss the inference.

"Now that Ronnie Allen has taken over, I hope for a new chance — nothing more than that. Then it is down to me to show that I can do a job for him and the team.

"When he took over I went in to see him. I didn't charge in hammering the desk and complaining about my relationship with Ron Atkinson . . . I didn't feel that was the right way to go about it."

"I said there was nothing more I wanted than to be part of West Bromwich and to play well for the club. But, above all, I wanted to find out where I stood."

"I said 'Will I be part of your plans? If not, can I go as soon as possible and sort out a future somewhere else?' Those were the questions I put and I didn't feel I was being unreasonable."

"Ronnie Allen responded by saying: 'West Bromwich has not seen the best of you. I know you can play so much better than you have been — and you'll get the chance.'

"He was as good as his word during the pre-season tour of Spain and I partnered both Cyrille Regis and then John Deehan. I scored a couple of goals and that did me the world of good."



DON Shanks risked four months without pay and the threat of the dole to regain First Division football. At 28, the former Q.P.R. defender gambled for high stakes by cancelling his contract by mutual consent, and getting, in exchange, a free transfer from the West London club. When he quit, Shanks still had two years to run on his present contract.

Shanks' risky move came about because Rangers rejected his claims for a loyalty bonus and better contract. "I had been there over seven years and believed I should have been rewarded," said Shanks. "They wouldn't agree but they offered me a free transfer. I had to take the chance as well, by agreeing to have my contract cancelled."

What followed was a hair-raising time for the player. "Going four months without any wages isn't easy as far as I'm concerned," said Shanks. "I wondered whether I was as useful a player as I'd thought, when no one came in for me. Suddenly, you begin to doubt your own ability."

But then came one offer, from Brighton. Yet Shanks' problems were by no means at an end. He went on pre-season tour with the club to Holland, yet things didn't work out well even though Shanks played fairly well.

"Then Millwall invited me to play a couple of games for them and offered me a contract. But, in the meantime, Brighton sold Lawrenson so on the day I was going to sign for Millwall and Third Division football, Brighton came in and offered me a one-year contract. It was disappointing for Millwall, but for me it was a shot in the arm. Getting First Division football again was tremendous and made all those agonising summer months worthwhile.

"When I was without a club and had no job, I suppose I was being proved wrong

by what I did at Rangers. But now, I believe my decision was the correct one.

Now, Shanks has this season to impress Brighton and particularly manager Mike Bailey sufficiently to earn a longer contract, by next June. "It's up to me and I believe I can persuade them I'm good enough," he says. "We didn't make a great start to the season but we have a good side here, and I think we will improve."

Shanks says he hasn't found it that difficult to switch from the Second Division to the First. "The main difference is that you have to be positive here. If you decide to go for a ball, you have to commit yourself totally so that you make sure you get it," he says. "I know one thing — the atmosphere helps. It's marvellous to be back in Division One because it is another world. You have to be on top of your game all the time."

Contract'

"My future is very much in my hands. If I play well and impress the management and the club does reasonably well, I hope I can win a longer contract. It is a trial period for me and I would have liked to have signed a longer contract.

"But I gambled coming here. But I have confidence in my own ability and that is the most important factor."

Brighton manager Mike Bailey is delighted with his new partnership of Shanks and Jimmy Case down the right hand side.

"I can't see us being taken apart

SHANKS RISKED THE DOLE TO JOIN BRIGHTON

down the right," he says. "Jimmy is a strong tackler as well as being a good passer, while Don is a gritty player who never knows when he's beaten.

"He has something to prove and I think he'll do it."

Brighton have made a reasonably solid, if unspectacular start to the season, but Bailey is happy.

"The new lads have settled in well and I can feel a nice atmosphere building up at the club."

The First Division must seem a long way from the dole queue for Don Shanks.

YOU ARE THE REF

compiled by Keith Hackett



1

From a goal-kick the goalkeeper, with the aid of a strong wind, kicks the ball directly into his opponents goal. Do you award (a) a goal or (b) a goal-kick to the opponents?



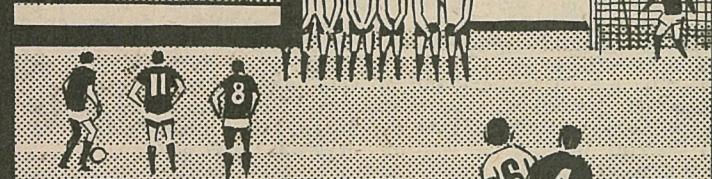
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A player in possession of the ball deliberately turns his back on an opponent. The opponent then charges him in the back but not in a dangerous manner. Should you (a) take no action, or (b) award a free-kick?



3

How do you inform players that you have awarded an indirect free-kick? Do you (a) tell them or (b) hold one arm in the air?



MATCH POINT

● This Saturday (September 19) I could be in charge of a non-League game! Yes, even an F.A. Cup Final referee has to do his share of matches at grass-roots level. Before that I will be in charge of a League Cup-tie between Walsall and Bristol City on Tuesday, September 15. It's amazing the number of people who are not aware that officials of the Football League list take charge of games lower down the scale. Last season, for instance, I was referee at Anfield for Liverpool on one Saturday and a week later was in charge on a park where they had something like 20 pitches! It's difficult to adapt to the lack of atmosphere but once the game gets under way then I treat it as an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. Facilities are obviously completely different. I've even changed in a wooden hut with no showers before now! Mind you, I quite enjoy the different experiences and I must say it does keep you on your toes.

ANSWERS:

1. Award a goal-kick to the opponents (b). A keeper cannot score directly from a goal-kick. 2. Take no action (a). A player who deliberately puts his body (i.e. turns his back on an opponent) in a dangerous manner is about to be hit by the ball. 3. Hold one arm in the air (b). Immediately you blow your whistle for an indirect free-kick, you must keep one arm raised until the kick has been taken and the ball goes directly into goal then expect problems.

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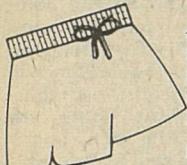


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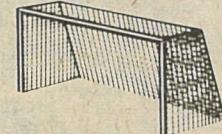
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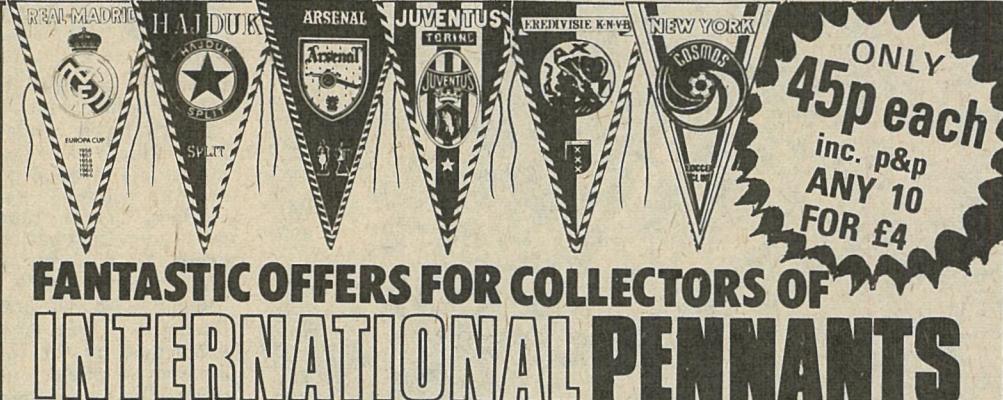
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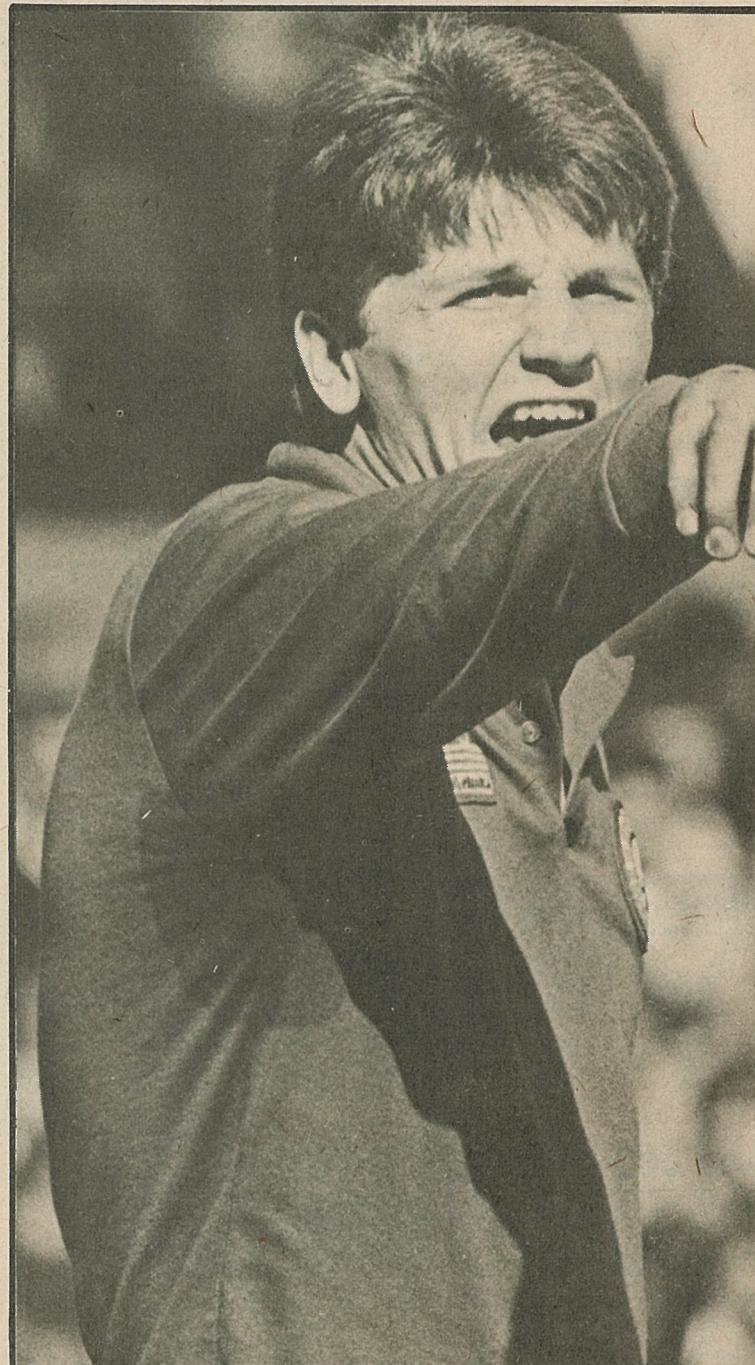
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JOHN Lukic said he was "delighted and flattered" when we told him that many fans reckon he's certain to be England's next goalkeeper.

"It's marvellous to know that so many people have such a high opinion of me," he confessed, "and I hope I don't let them down."

Then he pointed to the Leeds United Football Club sign which overlooks the Elland Road training ground. "It's nice to be tipped for glory — and naturally I'd cherish a full international cap — but at this stage in my career that sign symbolises all that matters to me.

"Leeds United are my bread-and-butter, they're the club which took me in hand when I left school in Ches-

terfield and gave me my big chance in life.

"As far as I'm concerned I've still a lot to learn — as those who saw me let in a few soft goals last season will confirm! — so my whole working life at the moment is dedicated to getting better and helping Leeds to continue their revival under Allan Clarke."

Lukic, who will not be 21 until December, was signed as an apprentice by the then manager Jimmy Armfield, having been spotted as a schoolboy by present Leeds "backroom boy" Maurice Lindley.

He was thrust into the big-time

"My footballing skill and reputation mean a lot to me," he says. "When I see the unemployment figures touching the three-million mark I thank my lucky stars that I'm in a job — and a well-paid one at that.

"My heart bleeds when I think of all the kids who can't find work. And here I am having a marvellous time.

Lukic is lucky to have a job

"I'm certainly not going to jeopardise my future by kicking over the traces."

John Lukic (say it, Lou-kitch) is the second son of Yugoslav emigres who came to England after the War and settled in Chesterfield.

At present he lives with his parents on the fringe of the Peak District, where he enjoys weekend walks. But soon he will be moving into his new house near the Pennines.

"I think it's important to stay close to the people you love. To them I'm still John Lukic, the lad who could only speak Serbo-Croat when he first started school.

"With that backing from friends and relatives there's no chance of me getting too big for my boots."

And that view is shared by manager Allan Clarke, a man who is well versed about the England international scene.

The United manager commented: "I'm sure John will go far. He's already showing good form as England's Under-21 'keeper. I'll be surprised if he isn't in the senior team by the time the 1986 World Cup comes round."

"He's got everything — courage, reach, intelligence, vision — and he's always willing to learn."

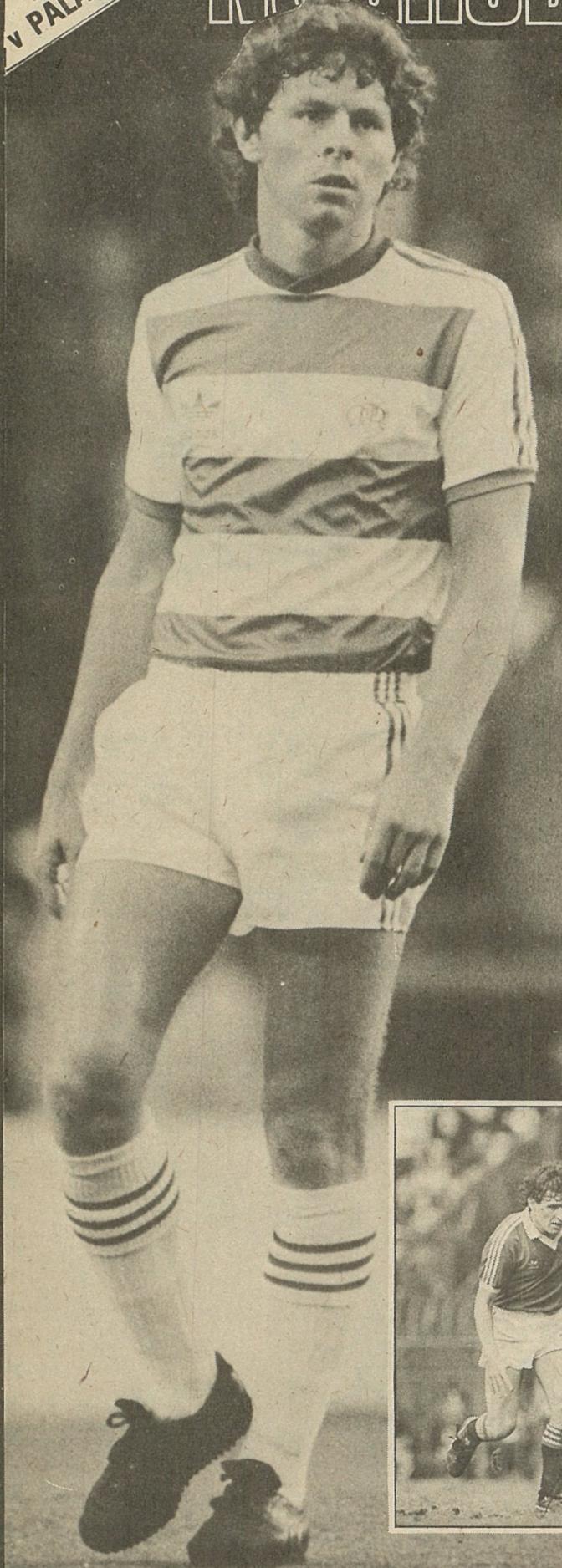
"Although he conceded five against Swansea on the opening day of the season, I am still convinced he will be an exciting prospect for Leeds and England."



Despite a desperate attempt, Lukic is unable to prevent Arsenal scoring during last season's clash at Elland Road.

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CLIVE Allen is at peace with the world, now that it no longer rests on his shoulders.

Queens Park Rangers' England Under-21 striker has emerged from a one year nightmare, his skills undamaged, his character hardened and his confidence flooding back.

Billed as the £1 million teenager when Arsenal swept his goalscoring talents across London last summer, Allen's world turned upside down when he was swopped for England full-back Kenny Sansom from Crystal Palace without kicking a ball in the First Division.

And when the Palace team, burdened by the premature tag 'team of the 80's' cracked under the strain of internal disruptions and boardroom politics, Allen ended 12 months of hell in a struggling, relegated outfit which collected only 19 points and lost 11 home games.

So Q.P.R.'s London derby clash with Palace at Loftus Road on Saturday is a special match for Allen and, indeed, a large number of players and back-room staff at Rangers.

'Difficult'

"It's as if I've spent a year in suspended animation," said Allen: "because this feels like my second consecutive season with Rangers. There is no point in denying the fact, last season was a difficult and disappointing one, especially when it began with such great hopes.

"I have no wish to go over old ground and I am not bitter. There is no point in trying to analyse what happened at Highbury, and as for Palace, that was a tragedy. They had done so well with a sparkling young side, storming out of Division Two as Champions and threatening to set the First Division alight.

"But there were so many changes, from boardroom to turnstiles, that it was impossible for the club or the players to settle. I played 25 games in the First Division, scored only nine goals yet still came out as our top League scorer!

"This match signals a new era for both clubs. That's how I see it any-



Crystal Palace's Tommy Langley will also be looking to upstage his former team-mates.

way. We both made fair starts to the season and have the potential to challenge for promotion. The past is old hat."

Those nine goals were in stark contrast to the 28 Allen bagged to end season 1979-80 as the League's top scorer. His sharpness, pace and skill were tangible proof of his football pedigree, a subject of great and justifiable pride to his father, Les Allen, whose talents contributed to Tottenham's great 'double' era in the 1960's. And with cousin Paul the youngest F.A. Cup Finalist as he helped West Ham beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1980 Final, the Allen family had reason to beam.

"It is best to adopt a positive attitude. I have come through a difficult time and am now much harder. I have grown up quickly after seeing another side of professional football. Now I am genuinely happy to be back at Rangers.

"It was incredibly easy to settle back in the club. Half the lads were around when I was sold to Arsenal and the other half — John Burridge, Terry Fenwick, Gerry Francis, Mike Flanagan, manager Terry Venables, Allan Harris — were at Palace."

The match is riddled with reasons why it could turn out to be a thriller. So many players wanting to prove personal points, upstage former team-mates and impress new fans; Venables intent on showing that what he did for Palace can be repeated with Rangers; Dario Gradi, whose initial complaints about the artificial surface at Loftus Road have been drowned in a sea of excited praise from both players and media ... and Allen's fascinating duel with former Q.P.R. team-mate Steve Wicks.

'Battle'

"Steve is a first class centre-half. I always felt confident when he was playing behind me during our time together at Rangers, and I know I face one hell of a battle on Saturday. He is strong, dominant, excellent in the air and a solid, fair tackler. But we know each other very well and will certainly be out to play on each other's little weak points."

And that much-discussed pitch ...

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"It would have been awful if we had sneaked a win that night because we did not deserve it, and people would have complained that it was only because of the playing surface. When we deserve to we will win. That is how it goes on this type of pitch and that is good for the game."

Equally good for the game is the sight of Clive Allen, hunting goals with characteristic confidence, still full of good things to say about opponents and football in general, and reminding so many people why it was they wanted to see him playing for the full England team just over 12 months ago.

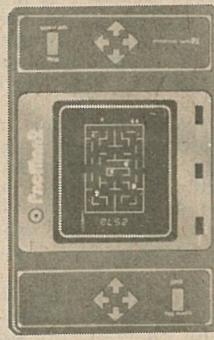
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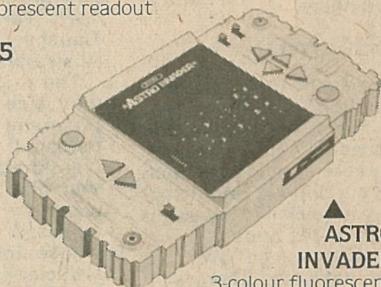
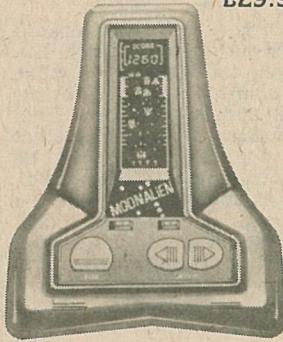
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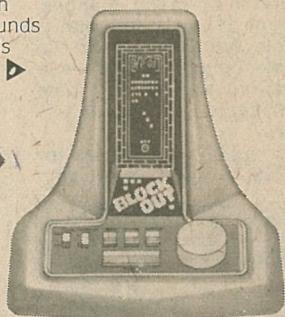
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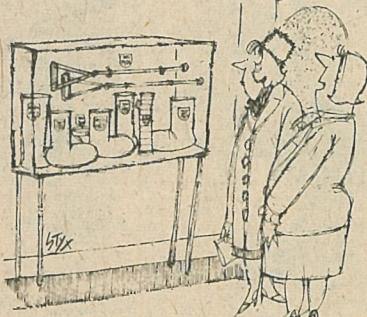
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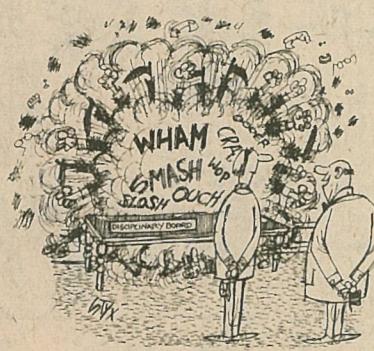
This week Imre Varadi, Newcastle's recent signing from Everton, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"We are buying him in instalments. We own six fingers, one foot, two ears, one eye and a collarbone to date."



"Just a few of the trophies he has picked up during his playing career. He was slightly accident prone, you know."



"I think you will get away with the fighting charge, son. The committee can't agree."

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IF Peter Daniel is displaying a level of energy, enthusiasm and determination above the call of early-season duty, it's because he is a man with a mission.

Wolves' tenacious midfield player has emerged from a nightmare period of his life during which he has suffered the two worst types of pain that can afflict a professional footballer — the physical agony of a broken leg and the mental agony of being sidelined while his team-mates strode to within a replayed Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup.

And if Daniel missed being part of Wolves' Cup challenge, they certainly missed his comprehensive midfield talents which embrace stamina, tackling ability, distribution, powerful shooting and instinctive passing skills.

Now that he is back in action,

take at least three months." Daniel surprised everyone by the way he virtually halved the time it took to get back in action. He played in the pre-season games but admitted: "I knew my strap muscle on the leg needed strengthening and there was always pain afterwards. But no real swelling, and that gave me confidence.

"Getting over the physical problem is one battle, but conquering the mental one is another. I steered clear of really

But to be honest, midfield players hate that style because you run up and run back, staring at the sky. It's like watching a tennis match. John Barnwell prefers to play the ball around, move it from the back, through midfield and keep possession.

"We've won the League Cup and finished sixth in the table in 1979-80. We believed we could build on that, but when we changed our style to utilise the skills in the side we probably made the switch too quickly . . . and abandoned it too quickly. It left us thinking that maybe we were not good enough to play that type of football.

Daniel didn't know he'd broken his leg

Daniel can reflect on the time when so much went wrong for him, just when it seemed that Wolves were going to build on the success they achieved during season 1979-80.

"The incredible thing was that I did not know I had broken my leg," he said. "I had just come back after two weeks' treatment for a knee ligament injury, and when Aston Villa's Tony Morley tackled me at Molineux I felt pain in that knee and thought I'd injured it again.

"When the doctor told me my right leg was broken I felt the lump move from my knee to my throat. It was a horrible realisation. But there was worse to follow. Further exploration revealed that the bone had moved three quarters of an inch and that a cartilage was completely torn. So they inserted a surgical pin and told me it would

tough tackles as I eased my way back in games. But always I was hoping for that shattering crunch 50-50 tackle that shakes your body but usually does no damage whatsoever. I wanted to get it over with. Once I made such a challenge my confidence flooded back."

A lot has changed since Daniel was carried off the Molineux pitch last season. Emlyn Hughes and John McAlle have gone; so has Richie Barker, now manager of Stoke City. Manager John Barnwell has signed Alan Birch from Chesterfield and Joe Gallagher from Birmingham and is determined to strengthen the team further. But it is the style of play which delights Daniel.

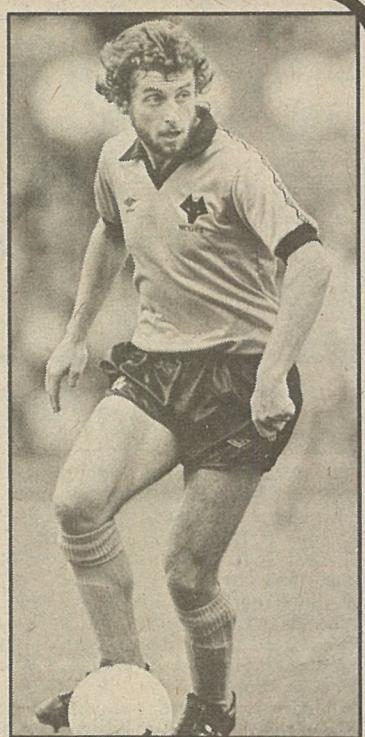
"Richie believed in getting the ball to the front players quickly.

"But this season we are going to prove that it is wrong to underestimate us. 1980 was not a flash in the pan. Wolves have one hell of a squad. Injuries have been cruel — even John Barnwell was sidelined after his car crash.

"That meant that Richie Barker did most of the training and coaching work with us while the manager handled the other side of the job. Now he is working with us every day, and it's very enjoyable."

Daniel's ambitions have multiplied since his days as a painter and decorator in his native Hull. A schoolboy with Hull City, he had another trade ready in case he did not make it as a professional. But he was signed at 17 and made his League debut in September, 1973. "We drew 2-2 with West Bromwich Albion, and of all people, I had to mark Willie Johnston!"

Established at right-back Daniel



attracted international interest and won seven Under-21 caps for England. Wolves swooped in May, 1978, but Daniel was worried:

"Geoff Palmer and Derek Parkin were established as full-backs. I could not see where I was going to fit in. Sammy Chung, who signed me, played me in midfield. I was utterly lost. Then, when John Barnwell arrived I talked to him about it and he suggested giving it time.

"When you are used to playing regularly and experience success at this level, an injury such as mine can really bring you crashing down."

The sight of Peter Daniel pounding through midfield as if every run could be his last is a cheering sight for Barnwell, the Wolves players and their fans. And if they wonder, perhaps, why the player is currently taking his game into a fifth gear it's because he believes that he and his colleagues have a very real chance of making it all worthwhile.



Peter Daniel is helped from the pitch after his ill-fated tackle with Tony Morley.

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3. Ray Graydon's penalty was saved by goalkeeper Kevin Keelan but the winger followed up and scored the only goal of the game. It was a major Final at Wembley... can you name the clubs involved, the year and the competition?
4. Apart from winning the European Cup in 1967, Celtic also reached the Final when they lost to Feyenoord. Was it 1968-69, 1969-70 or 1970-71?
5. How many times has Liverpool manager Bob Paisley (below) won the Bell's Manager of the Year award?



PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the action photograph, taken during Ipswich Town's home game against Sunderland on the opening day of the season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the two clubs.

1. Can you identify the Ipswich player in the dark shirt?
2. The game finished 3-3 at Portman Road. Can you name the players who scored two goals apiece for each club?
3. Manager Alan Durban bought defender Iain Munro to Roker Park from which club during the summer?
4. Is it true to say that Sunderland have won the First Division Championship more times than Ipswich Town?

SPOT THE CLUBS

1. Which club has had Jack Cock, Charlie Hewitt, Ron Gray, Jimmy Seed, Reg Smith, Billy Gray, Benny Fenton, Gordon Jago and George Petchey as their managers since the War?
2. The Hornets play in the Second Division at Vicarage Road. Do you know their correct name?
3. Jim McDonagh plays in goal for which club?
4. Shawfield Stadium is the home ground of which Scottish club?
5. Which club has won the F.A. Cup the most times?

MIDFIELDERS

1. Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle (right) made his full England debut against Norway, Denmark or Bulgaria in a European Championship game at Wembley in November, 1979 or 1980?
2. Manchester City's Tommy Hutchison scored eight, nine or ten League goals in 166, 266 or 366 appearances for Blackpool?
3. Where did Liverpool midfield star Terry McDermott begin his League career?
4. Which one of these players — Des Bremner (Aston Villa), Ally McCoist (Sunderland) or Graham Paddon (Norwich) — does not normally play in midfield?
5. Did Archie Gemmill appear in either of Nottingham Forest's two European Cup Finals in 1979 or 1980?



TRUE OR FALSE?



1. Bob Latchford scored Swans City's first ever goal in the First Division during their 5-1 trouncing of Leeds United on the opening day of this season?

2. West Ham's Stuart Pearson (above) began his League career with Hull City.
3. Fulham's highest position in the First Division was when they finished tenth at the end of the 1959-60 season.
4. Scottish Second Division club Arbroath have never won the Scottish Second Division Championship.
5. Orient's Henry Hughton is not related to Tottenham's Chris Hughton.

ANSWERS:

PICTURE PUZZLE 1. Alan Brazil. 2. Eric Gales for Ipswich and Mick Buckley for Sunderland. 3. Steve Charlton. 4. True. 5. False — he is Chris' brother.

SPOT THE CLUBS 1. Bolton. 2. True. 3. Charlton scored their first. 4. True. 5. False — Jeremy Aston Villa. 6. Clyde. 5. Watford 3. Bolton. 4. Millwall. 2. 7. Ten in 1966 games. 3. Bury. 4. 1969-70. 2. Midfielders. 1. Bulgaria in 1979. 2. Villa against Norwich City in the 1975 League Cup Final. 4. 1969-70. 5. McCoist. 5. No. 6. Tug. 7. Bristol. 8. Carl. 9. Duxbury. 10. System. 11. Antic. 12. Son (position of letters). 13. Eves. 14. Bristol. 15. Late. 16. Tony Godden. 17. Deep. 18. Carl. 19. Red. 20. Findlay. 21. Young. 22. Exit.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Fad. (3) Findlay. (6) Hobble. (9) Stud. (11) McAllister. (13) Eves. (15) Late. (16) Tony Godden. (18) Carl. (20) System. (23) Duxbury. (24) Tug.

DOWN:— (1) Final. (2) Dale. (4) Yet (middle letters). (5) Noel. (7) Bristol. (8) Extends. (9) Spriggs. (10) David. (11) Mel. (12) Antic. (14) Son (position of letters). (17) Deep. (19) Red. (21) Young. (22) Exit.

A proposition from Martin Buchan

MARTIN Buchan completes ten years at Manchester United next season — and the club will almost certainly reward him with a testimonial.

Buchan holds a unique place in United's history after leading them out at Wembley four years in a row between 1976 and 1979 — three times in the F.A. Cup and once in the Charity Shield.

When he finally hangs up his boots he hopes it will be a pair he has just worn through another immaculate performance in United's defence.

He says: "I hope to end my career in the United first team. And it would be nice if we won the title before then."

Buchan was United's most expensive signing when he joined



because of a hamstring injury, but that's okay now.

"I am also hoping we can be up there challenging for the title. If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't be worth my salt."

The big talking point of the summer at United was the transfer of Joe Jordan and the million pounds signing of Frank Stapleton.

"I can't say whether we have come out of it well. Joe had

JORDAN and STAPLETON together for UNITED

in 1972 from Aberdeen for £125,000 — costing more than Denis Law. That fee also made him the most expensive player to come out of Scotland.

At today's prices he looks a bargain and one of United's shrewdest signings.

Ron Atkinson is the fourth boss Buchan has played under at Old Trafford. The others were Dave Sexton, Tommy Docherty and Frank O'Farrell, the man who signed him.

Says Buchan: "When a new manager comes to the club the players feel they have to prove themselves all over again.

"I don't think it is ever a bad thing. The player has to reassess his ability and worth to the team and that is all to the good."

Buchan, 32, has been United's captain since 1975 — and an inspiring figure since he first pulled on the red shirt. Despite the managerial change, United started this season with much the same side that played under Dave Sexton.

Says Buchan: "We haven't had the best of starts. But both Gordon McQueen and myself went into the opening game against Coventry having missed all the pre-season matches through injury.

"Steve Coppell wasn't 100 per cent fit either so it isn't fair to judge us on our first few games.

"I am looking forward to a more rewarding season this time. I played only 26 games last season

started to improve his goalscoring rate but there is no point speculating about how things might have gone if he had stayed and Frank hadn't come.

"I just think it would have been nice if we had been able to have both players at the club at the same time. That would have been interesting. They are different types of players, of course."

Although Atkinson has suggested that all United's players are fighting for their places in the new set-up, Buchan's number six spot would seem to be the least threatened.

He has been the sheet anchor in the Old Trafford defence while the likes of Gordon McQueen and Nicki Jovanovic in the centre-half shirts have been charging upfield in search of glory.

Buchan has been more the Geoff Boycott type of figure in defence, sticking resolutely to his duty even while all around have been losing their heads.

Unlike Boycott, less spectacular has never meant less stylish to Buchan.

On the contrary he exudes class and confidence at his best — and when he does finally go United will find it hard to replace him.

'Hard to get your breath against Watson and McQueen'

ENGLAND centre-forward Paul Mariner is well qualified to voice his opinion on any soccer topic. But like all strikers, his favourite subject is goals.

The Ipswich number nine has been a thorn in the flesh of First Division defences up and down the country since his arrival at Portman Road back in October, 1976.

And before that it was his impressive scoring form with Plymouth Argyle that had the scouts buzzing around Home Park with their cheque books at the ready.

But goals are harder to plunder than in football's good old days of the not too distant past, although Mariner has managed better than most to return a healthy tally in each of his five seasons with Ipswich.

He says: "Is it any wonder the strikers find it difficult when you look at some of the top-class defenders who are about? They're just as determined to stop goals as we are to score them."

Mariner was his club's top marksman in each campaign until last season when his best pal John Wark — they room together on away trips — rattled in 36 goals to overtake him.

Finishing second might have worried him a few years back but now it's a different story. "I've found out that worrying isn't the answer," he says. "When the goals are slow to come along I try to just keep plugging away without getting too worked up about it.

"I know it sounds corny but I



says Mariner

Mariner takes on Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans last season

the guy who's supposed to be marking me during a game.

"I've played enough games in Europe with Ipswich to know what to expect. And having these games behind me has helped my performances for England. With the World Cup Finals just a few months away this is no time to lose my place at international level.

"My ability in the air has always come in useful against European sides. For some reason they don't seem too concerned about this aspect of marking. It's almost as if they are happy for you to head it and then they try to pick up the pieces.



Dave Watson (Southampton)

GOAL-DIGGERS!

don't really mind who scores the goals, although I must admit it would be more of a problem if Ipswich weren't doing so well. Then there would probably be more pressure on me as one of the strikers.

"After all, strikers will always be measured by the goals they score. I don't think I've done too badly in this department over the years, but I know I could have scored more."

The record books show, however, that Mariner is a slow starter. But while he may struggle to score goals in the first few weeks of a season, there always seems to follow a purple patch that ensures a substantial haul by the end.

When he made the switch to First Division football after just three years as a professional, Mariner admits it was like another world. "The defenders seemed bigger and better," he says, "and they were twice as hard."

"I'm talking about people like Dave Watson and Gordon McQueen, both giants and terrific competitors. At the end of 90 minutes against them you need time to get your breath back. They

put everything into their game and there are no frills.

"Sure, I've picked up a lot of bruises but I must say the vast majority of defenders are totally fair. I've learned how to look after myself in any case and I don't mind the physical stuff too much, as long as it's fair."

Arsenal skipper David O'Leary, more of a footballing centre-half than an out and out stopper, is another who scores high marks in Mariner's ratings, as do the Aston Villa double act of Allan Evans and Ken McNaught.

Mariner's experiences for club and country in Europe have taught him how to cope with the threat of a man for man marking system. "It obviously gives a striker more to do when he is faced with the problem of a direct marker as well as a sweeper operating behind the central defenders," he says.

"In the end it comes down to a personal battle between striker and marker, one player's skills against another. It's up to me to make life as difficult as possible for



"At Ipswich we've got a lot of players capable of causing problems in the air and I think this had a lot to do with our success in the UEFA Cup last season. But of course the way we play on the deck had a lot to do with it too!"

Mariner doesn't necessarily agree that goalscoring is getting any tougher. But he adds wryly: "It's certainly not getting any easier. From my own point of view I've had my ups and downs and now I reckon I can handle most situations.

"There will always be times when the goals seem hard to come by, but really it's a question of confidence. If you believe in your ability and continue to enjoy your game that's half the battle.

"I used to be terrible when I wasn't scoring regularly. I'd go home, read a book or watch television but my mind would be miles away, thinking about my form. But a few extra hours with coach Bobby Ferguson put things right.

"This season my target is Spain for the World Cup and I know the more goals I score the more difficult it's going to be for Ron Greenwood to leave me out."

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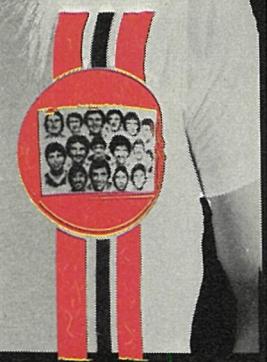
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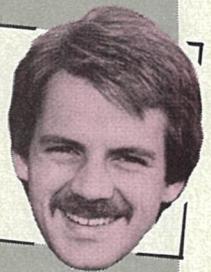
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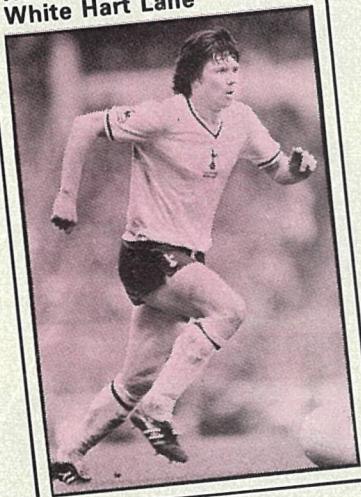


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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Celtic reserves
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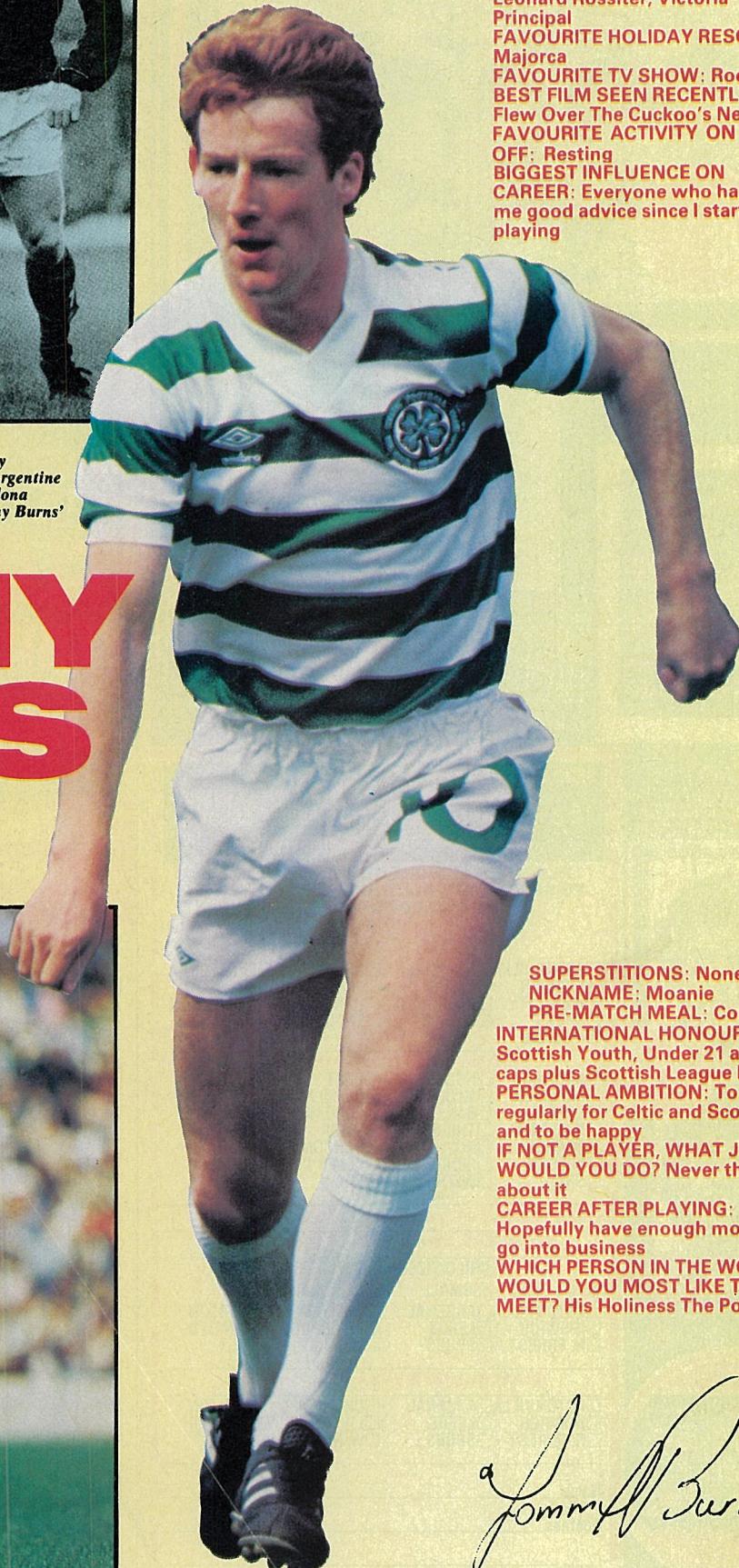
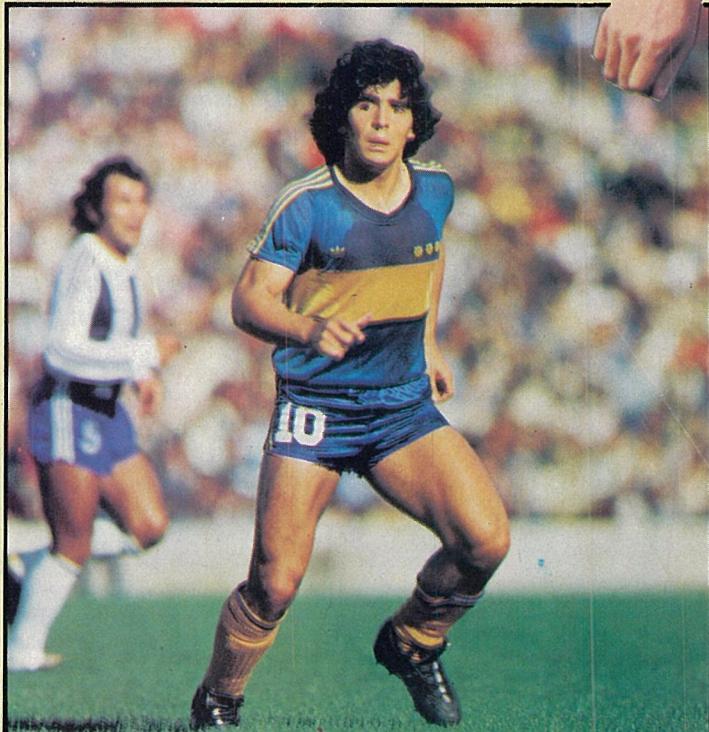
Former Celtic star Jimmy Johnstone (above) and Argentine wonderboy Diego Maradona (below) are two of Tommy Burns' favourite players.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My full international debut for Scotland v Wales in this year's British Championship
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing most of the 1979-80 season through injury
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: None really
BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: The Cosmos Stadium, New York

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: A good fry up, Irn Bru
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .
DISLIKES: A good laugh, taking the wife out . . . Ignorant people, bad manners
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis
AFTER MATCH ROUTINE: Go home and relax in front of TV
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FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Resting
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TOMMY BURNS

CELTIC



SUPERSTITIONS: None
NICKNAME: Moanie
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cornflakes
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish Youth, Under 21 and full caps plus Scottish League honours
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play regularly for Celtic and Scotland and to be happy
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Never thought about it
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Hopefully have enough money to go into business
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? His Holiness The Pope

Tommy Burns

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